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Three-Wheeled Madness

Contestants in the Memorial Day Mint Tricycle Race cross the starting line. Story, page 16.

Alpha Interferon U.S. Trials Set

by Paul Varnell

The first American clinical trials of a novel method of administering alpha interferon are set to begin in early June.

The trials are intended to test the surprising claims of a Kenyan researcher that extremely low doses of alpha interferon, administered orally, produced significant remission of early symptoms of

Dr. Joseph Hassett of the Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York will be conducting the first U.S.-based study, using 45 to 50 people with ARC (AIDS related complex).

The defining limits for individuals participating in the study are T4-cell counts between 100 and 350 and a history of mild to moderate symptoms but without the defining discrease of ADDS are ADDS are as a few fields. eases of AIDS such as pneumocystis pneumonia or Kaposi's sarcoma.

Among a similar population of patients, a researcher in Kenya, Dr. Davy Koech, head of Kenya's Medical Research Institute, claims to have achieved a complete remission of early symptoms of AIDS in all or almost all of nearly 100 patients.

While Koech's studies have not yet been published in the medical journals, he said he found that his extremely low doses of 150 units of alpha in-terferon (dosage levels in other trials have typically been in the tens of millions of units) ad-ministered in wafer or tablet form cleared up such symp-toms as fatigue, weight loss, low appetite, lymphadeno-pathy, skin rash and diarrhea.

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Gay Student Program

Right-Wingers Rally Against Project 10

Outnumbering lesbians and gays two to one, religious fun-damentalists turned out in force at a meeting of the San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education on May 29 to protest proposed Project 10 programs suppor-ting lesbian, gay and bisexual students.

At the request of a school board member, the police were summoned to the fiery meeting to ensure that order was maintained.

"This particular proposal shows no needs assessment. There is no need established," said Paul Cameron, Ph.D., of the Family Research Institute in Washington, D.C. "All the studies show that homosex-uals on the average have a higher educational attainment and a lower dropout rate.

"If you're concerned about suicide, how can you en-courage children as young as 12 or 13 to take up a life that will put them in touch with people who can infect them?" he asked.

Cameron, nominated by *The Advocate* in 1985 as "The Most Dangerous Man in America was on a speaking tour of the



Fundamentalists held signs of protest at school board meet-

Bay Area, appearing in fun-damentalist churches and on television and radio talk shows about Project 10.

Other speakers attacked the program, calling gay sexuality "immoral and enslaving" and "learned behavior." They called for gays and lesbians "to repent and accept Jesus Christ."

One minister attempted to read the Bible to the commit-tee, but was shouted down by Project 10 supporters as his

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Transvestite Snakes Flaunt Deviance

by Rex Wockner

One percent of male Canadian red-sided garter snakes emit a ratio of chemicals that cause other male snakes to try to mate with them, according to Discover magazine.

Scientists first stumbled upon the phenomenon in 1983 in Manitoba when they found that 33 of 200 garter snake "mating balls" had no females

'Mating balls' occur outside the hibernation dens of every female snake, where 10 to 100 males wait for her to emerge and then surround her — each hoping to be the single male to

win her heart. The males flick their tongues and rub their chins along her back until she makes her choice.

But Manitoba researchers Robert Mason and David Crews report that they have found that 17 percent of mating balls contain no female, but rather a male with skin lipids that fool other males into pur-

In the oddest twist, however, the she-males apparently do not desire sex with the males, but rather hope to increase their odds of winning the heart of the female by distracting

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BBC Confirms Reports: Iran is Executing Gays

by Rex Wockner

The British Broadcasting The British Broadcasting Corp. Monitoring Service, an intelligence-gathering wing of England's state radio and TV, has confirmed reports that the government of Iran is executing men and women found guilty of having homosexual

Monitoring shortwave broadcasts of the Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran on May 18, the BBC recorded "a second Friday prayer sermon delivered at Tehran University May 18 by Ayatollah Musavi-Ardebili," one of the country's leading politicians and spiritual leaders.

"For homosexuals, men or women, Islam has prescribed the most severe punishments," the ayatollah said. "After it has been proved on the basis of Shari'ah, they should seize him for her], they should keep him standing, they should split him in two with a sword, they should either cut off his neck or they should split him from the head

"He will fall down," the ayatollah continued. "After he is dead they bring logs, make is dead they bring logs, make a fire and place the corpse on the logs, set fire to it and burn it. Or it should be taken to the top of a mountain and thrown down. Then the parts of the corpse should be gathered together and burnt. Or they should dig a hole, make a fire in the hole and throw him alive into the fire. We do not have such punishments for other of

"There cannot be the slightest degree of mercy or compassion toward those who observe inadequate Islamic dress or toward prohibitions," the ayatollah went on. "There should not be the slightest degree of mercy toward these criminals"

At that point, according to the BBC, the crowd listening to Musavi-Ardebili's speech erupted in shouts of "God is

"We have to try and establish an anti-vice culture in our society," the ayatollah explain-

ed. "We must make certain that those unlawful acts are shunned by the people. The snunned by the people. The people should learn to see evil, to a degree that even the perpetrator of a vice should tremble with a tormented conscience after having commit-ted that vice under the compul-sion of physical desire."

Musavi-Ardebili then relayed "a tradition cited in Malek Bin Attiyeh" in which a man approached the Imam Ali and stated, "I have committed a homosexual act."

"Islam has laid down a choice of three punishments with respect to such acts: decapitation, being thrown off a mountain, or being burnt alive; these are your choices," the holy leader replied.

"Ali, tell me, which is the harshest?" the man asked.

"The third one," Ali replied.

"In that case, I will take that one," the man said.

"This is what culture is; that (Continued on page 22)



Friends of Charlie Samson plant a tree in his memory in Golden Gate Park. For more information on tree dedication, call the Recreation and Park Department at 666-7075.

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State Office of AIDS **Blasted in New Report**

by Dennis Conkin

A scathing report on the state Office of AIDS issued state Office of AIDS issued earlier this month by the Little Hoover Commission found that "while the state has committed substantial resources to dealing with AIDS — more than \$128 million this year — there is no coordinated effort to maximize the effect of those

The report also noted "a lack The report also noted a lack of leadership, commitment and sense of direction at the state level has meant that the state's steps toward coordination have been tentative, halting and unsuccessful."

"It's unconscionable that nine years into the epidemic a lead state agency still hasn't figured out a way to distribute money effectively," said Scott Shafer, a spokesman for Mayor

'San Francisco has the

highest per capita incidence of AIDS. Any inefficiency at the state level will have a disproportionate impact in San Francisco," he said.

The Little Hoover investiga-tion found that: The state Of-fice of AIDS lacks the authority to act as a lead agency for the state on all matters relating to AIDS; The state Office of AIDS fails to exert the leadership required to act as a clearing house for statewide AIDS information; The state has crafted an updated com-prehensive plan for addressing AIDS but has sent mixed signals about its intentions for implementing the plan. The Office of AIDS appears to be unable to administer its grant program in a timely and effi-

"Although the existence of a separate Office of AIDS implies a centralized state mechanism for coping with the disease, the Office of AIDS has no control over \$34 million, or more than 26 percent of the \$128 million budgeted in 1989-90 for AIDS program,"

the report stated.

According to the report, some of the reason for the lack of coordination is due to a "turf battle" between various agencies and the state Office of AIDS.

'Educational pamphlets are "Educational pamphlets are developed separately by the Department of Corrections and the Office of AIDS, with differing guidelines on the approaches that may be taken. And while the Office of AIDS officially endorsees the belief that HIV infected persons do not casually transmit the disease, the Department of Corrections of the ease, the Department of Corrections has followed a policy of segregating HIV positive inmates regardless of their (Continued on page 24)

Changes at Polk, SOMA Clubs

by Allen White

Kimo's on Polk Street may be moving or closing and reports indicate the End Up on Harrison Street may go straight on Saturday nights. Meanwhile, a new gay bar, Land's End Saloon, is opening in the Polk Gulch district.

Kimo Cochran, owner of Kimo's, confirmed Tuesday that he might not renew his lease at the current location at the corner of Pine and Polk streets and might move the bar he has owned for the past 13 years. He is negotiating for another larger location on Polk Street.

"I have the lease on my desk," he said. "I'm not sure I want to sign it."

Cochran said escalating rents on Polk Street forced his decision.



Kimo's on Polk Street.

"I only want to say that the new place will be on Polk Street," he said.

The closing of Kimo's signals the end of an era for a gay bar. The location has been the sight for First Saturday benefits each month that have raised thousands of dollars for AIDS service organizations.

Meanwhile, Rick De John, formerly a bartender at the Polk Gulch Saloon, is having the grand opening of his new

bar, the Land's End Saloon, on June 1 at 7 p.m. The new bar is located at 1548 California St., between Polk and Larkin.

South of Market, the End Up nightclub reportedly plans to go straight on Saturday night. The new venue will be known as "The Glass House."

However, Club Uranus, the popular Sunday night club at the End Up, apparently will be unaffected.

Gay Doctor Appeals For Right to Sue U.S.

KS Diagnosis Alarmed FBI

by Dennis Conkin

The American Civil Liberties Union and two other public interest law firms have appealed a federal court ruling that a gay physician employed by the Department of Justice cannot sue the federal government under the Rehabilitation Act.

The physician had performed routine physical examinations of Federal Bureau of Investigation agents from 1984 until 1988 when the FBI learned that he had been diagnosed with Kaposi's sarcoma and stopped sending employees to him.

ACLU attorney Matt Coles also argued that the physician's privacy was invaded when the FBI used the information about his medical status to stop referring patients to him.

The appeal was heard on May 17 by a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The 1989 U.S. District Court ruling by Judge Charles Legge held that the physician must file an internal administrative complaint with the Department of Justice rather than sue under the Rehabilitation Act.

"The use of private medical information violates the federal Constitution every bit as much as disclosure of information does," Coles said.

He said that the physician, who no longer practices medicine due to the severity of his medical condition, appealed the ruling because "lengthy administrative remedies, such as the one suggested by Judge Legge, are particularly inappropriate for people with AIDS. The process can go on longer than a person may be able to keep working."

According to Coles, "the 1978 amendments to the Rehabilitation Act were

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some of the competition onto themselves.

In human terms, it would be akin to a straight man dressing as a desirable woman to distract other courters from a woman that he himself desired.

So far, the she-male garter snakes' ploy has been quite successful in mating balls that contain both a she-male and a female. The she-male's odds of winning the female are double that of any given male in the same ball.

According to Mason and Crews, the actual mechanism she-males use to lure males to themselves is their failure to produce a male pheromone (a substance that causes members of the same animal species to respond physiologically or behaviorally) known as squalene, which repels other males.

Corrections

In an article on The New Pacific Academy on May 17, the number of minority gays and lesbians enrolled in the Academy's leadership training program was incorrectly stated. One half of the students are people of color.

In a May 17 article on deaf gays, a tag line that was to credit Jay Wilson, a sign language interpreter, was inadvertently omitted from the article. Wilson's contribution to the article was critical to the development of the story.

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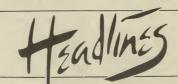
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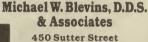
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Boycott Is No Big Blow, Conference Official Says

by Michael C. Botkin

Despite the ever-broadening boycott, the Sixth International Conference on AIDS will open in San Francisco on June 20 and conclude on Gay and Lesbian Pride Day, Sunday the

There will probably be about 12,000 paid delegates at the conference, as well as about 1,100 working press and perhaps 3,000 advertisers and others in the state of others in attendance.

In addition, almost two dozen "satellite" conferences pitching to the same audience will also be in town.

Dana van Gorder, assistant director for press and community relations, claims that the boycott will not appreciably reduce the number of people participating, although it will change the nature of the con-

"Over the years there has been more and more community and PWA input." said van Gorder. "The boycott will push all that back."

As a result of the the U.S. immigration policy restricting HIVers, the boycott called in protest of this policy, and per-haps also because of the haps also because of the relatively higher cost of getting to and staying in San Francisco compared with Montreal, the proportion of Europeans at this year's conference will be much smaller than usual. Where Europeans made up about half of last year's con-ference, they will probably only account for a third of this year's attendance.

"Of 375 free passes set aside



for PWAs, we've only been able to distribute 15 outside of the United States," said van

Among U.S. participants, Among U.S. participants, the impact of the boycott will be seen largely among AIDS service providers. But the boycott is having little impact among the scientists who are the primary consumers of the conference.

"The boycott is not having a major impact on registration," van Gorder said. "Only eight out of the 400 oral presenters have withdrawn, of which four specifically cited the travel restrictions or the boycott. And of the 2,100 poster presenters 35 have withdrawn, again about half because of the

By these figures, less than 2 percent of the conference's presenters have withdrawn because of the boycott.

Even among community organizations the boycott is far

from complete. Only two of the 35 organizations on the conference's local community adisory board have withdrawn: Shanti and ACT-UP.

Locally, organizations such as the San Francisco AIDS Foundation are still planning to participate in the con-

ACT-UP/New York has not joined the boycott, and many of its members are flying in to attend, although it's understood this is mostly with the intention of disrupting the proceedings.

"We take it for granted that ACTUP is going to do some-thing." said van Gorder. "The problem at Montreal (where ACTUP literally stopped the conference) was there was no one watching the door. Our intention is not to let that happen

This year security will make

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GAO Document: Bush Could Scrap INS HIV Restrictions

U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) (D-Calif.) has produced documents indicating that President Bush could waive regulations that bar HIVinfected foreigners from enter-ing the United States.

"The president," Waxman said, "has the authority to modify the restriction on the ability of people with AIDS to travel - and he should do so.

The first document, dated March 14, 1990, is a letter from Assistant Secretary of Health Dr. James Mason to Louis Sullivan, secretary of Health and Human Services, asking that Immigration Naturalization Service policy be changed to allow people who are HIV positive into the United States.

The Bay Area Reporter was given a copy of the document, which states that the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. Public Health Service, both headed by Bush appointees, have added their voices to the call for change.

The Mason document reveals that the Public Health Service consulted with the American Medical Associa-tion, the National Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the National Commission on AIDS, several local and regional health agencies and even with the Defense Department.

Mason concludes that every one of those agencies agreed that AIDS or HIV infection should not be grounds for prohibiting people from entering the United States.

The second document, a letter from the U.S. comptroller general in the General Ac-counting Office, addresses the question of whether Bush or Sullivan have that authority to change the travel policy.

The GAO concludes that nothing in the law requires the president to admit travelers with HIV and it also concludes that there is absolutely nothing in the law that prohibits him from doing so.

"Now the administration cannot beg the question with legalism any longer. The question is now plainly before the president," Waxman bluntly

The Los Angeles Times reports that White House deputy press secretary Alixe Glen said the president did not intend to take action because he "continues to believe that the issue of amending or reversing the congressional man-date rests with the Congress."

Since 1987, after passage of the Helms Amendment, the United States has had a policy that excludes foreign visitors

with AIDS or HIV infection.

Earlier this month U.S. Rep. Roy Rowland (D-Ga.) joined with Reps. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and Waxman to introduce legislation to overturn the Helms Amendment. Row-land's legislation would return the decision-making to the HHS secretary instead of Con-

Rowland reviewed the GAO documents and said, gress may not have taken away the secretary's authority to make these decisions after all. In this new opinion, the GAO says the 1987 congressional mandate required the secretary to put HIV on the list but not necessarily to keep it

Rowland said that "if that is correct, the secretary still has the legal authority to make U.S. travel policy decision regarding HIV."

"The president should let public health officials govern his public health policy. Any further rationalization and delay cannot be explained. The policy should be changed now," Waxman said.

Organizations including the International League of the Red Cross, the World Health Organization and the National Commission on AIDS have all called on the Bush administration to change the policy.

Former Hostage McCarty Dies

by Dennis Conkin

Jack McCarty, 45, died of AIDS on May 18, 1989, in Marin, California.

McCarty and his lover, Vic Amburgy, were the focus of international media attention after they — and 38 other Americans — were held hostage for 17 days in Beirut, Lebanon, in June 1985, after TWA Flight 847 was hijacked in Athens, Greece, by two Shiite Moslem terrorists.

McCarty and Amburgy had been on the last leg of an around-the-world trip when the 153 passenger flight was hijacked. One hundred and four Americans were on the flight. One passenger was killed during the hijacking.

For two days the plane shuttled back and forth between Algeria and Beirut, Lebanon, seeking permission to land. Forty American passengers were held hostage after other passengers had been released.

One hostage was released due to illness, but McCarty, Amburgy and 37 others were held captive for 17 days in Rejrut

Worldwide Headlines

After their release, the fact that McCarty and Amburgy were lovers became the subject



Jack McCarty was held in the 1985 skyjacking of a TWA jet in Beirut.

of international headlines, and McCarty's work as a Shanti volunteer became well-known. McCarty emerged as an AIDS activist, while continuing his work as a Shanti counselor and chef at Le Trou restaurant.

"My experience as a volunteer helped me to maintain a tremendous sense of dignity during the time I was a hostage. For 17 days I was faced with a life-threatening environment. I reached for things within myself. I found that there was a sense of self that was acceptable, that the inevitable was acceptable. That's not to say I gave up," said McCarty in a fall 1985 Shanti Project newsletter.

"He was a great inspiration to us all. Jack died, as he lived, with grace and dignity, surrounded by those who loved him," said Amburgy.

McCarty is survived by Amburgy, his parents, two sisters and a brother.

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Dutch Episode Shows AZT's Prophylactic Ineffectiveness

by Dave Gilden

Dutch doctors last week recounted their failure at marshalling AZT to save a patient from invasion by Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

The patient, who had just had the middle 8 feet of his small intestine removed, was treated with a needle containing a small quantity of HIV-contaminated blood.

The syringe previously had been employed to administer radioactive gallium to a terminally ill PWA and had been flushed with HIV-infected blood in the process.

The PWA's helper T-cell count was down to 2 percent of normal, and his blood presumably contained very high levels of HIV.

Prophylactic use of AZT is much discussed and occasionally used as a way of stopping HIV infection after someone has been exposed to HIV.

As a preventive agent, the drug is most commonly prescribed for hospital workers wounded by contaminated needles and victims of rape.

In principle, such preventive treatment could be given to anyone exposed to HIV in any manner, but there is no proof that AZT is helpful in this situation.

What is more, because AZT acts by preventing HIV's imably only impede the virus

progression because it can't be expected to provide uninfected cells 100 percent protection.

The U.S. Public Health Service was non-committal about AZT prophylaxis in the guidelines it issued last January on occupational exposure to HIV, citing AZT's undemonstrated efficacy in this capacity, limited knowledge of its toxicity, and its record of causing cancer in rats and mile.

The service also took into consideration the probable low risk of infection after just one exposure.

Henderson and Gerberding note that "even anecdotal reports of chemoprophylaxis failures would likely prompt reassessment of the use of AZT in this setting."

The Dutch case may not be a fair test though. The recipient patient's immune system likely was already impaired from the stress of his operation and the injury that necessitated it — and he may well have gotten an exceptionally high dose of HIV.

To make matters worse, it was impossible to establish a therapeutic level of AZT in his blood despite the huge amount of oral AZT given him.

The 8 feet of small intestine that doctors had removed before infecting the man with HIV was the reason for this inability.

100,000 Expected For Conference March

by Allen White

About 100,000 are expected to march down Market Street on June 23 during the Sixth International AIDS Conference, part of a week of activities that include many non-violent demonstrations throughout the city.

The march will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the United Nations Plaza and proceed to Justin Herman Plaza, where there will be a rally with speeches and music.

The route, originally planned to end at Civic Center, was changed because of logistical problems.

The coalition of march organizers are calling on the nations of the world to 'make effective AIDS treatments accessible to the millions of people now being denied them by government red tape, insurance company greed and pharmaceutical profiteering.

They also want nations to 'guarantee the civil and human rights of all people living with HIV infection, and to 'provide universal quality health care to all.'

The coalition also wants "increases in research on all potential treatments for AIDS and other diseases," direct immediate disaster relief to the areas hardest hit by HIV throughout the world, and an end to the racism, sexism, homophobia, classism, ableism, discrimination based on national origin and immigrant status which has sabotag-

ed the fight against AIDS.

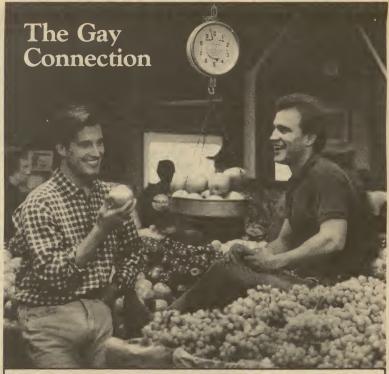
The route of the march and a list of demands were finalized at a meeting last Friday at the office of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. The release of this information follows several weeks of meetings by a wide coalition of AIDS community service and political organizations.

Community United Against Violence has offered to coordinate many of the safety monitor functions. The San Francisco Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, the Asian Pacific AIDS coalition and ACT UP/San Francisco are providing volunteers.

Further information is available by calling 863-4676.

As these plans are finalized, ACT UP/San Francisco also has announced plans for almost a week of demonstrations during the conference. ACT UP is planning these activities as part of ACT NOW (AIDS Coalition to Network, Organize and Win).

ACT NOW is a coalition of more than 25 AIDS activist organizations in the United States and Canada. On June 17 they plan a workshop at the Women's Building on the theme 'Speaking Across Borders,' described as 'a mobilization program that addresses the issues facing the many diverse communities affected by AIDS and how activists can respond.' On June 18, also at the Women's Building, they will have civil disobedience training.



plantation into cells' genetic material, it must be in place within the cells before the HIV

gets there. It is not a good candidate for the role of hunting

down virus particles after they've entered the body.

Drs. David Henderson and Julie Gerberding, two experts in the field, argue, "Once HIV has been integrated into a human cell, AZT treatment is unlikely to 'cure' infection. It seems more likely that AZT resuld function lbd presenting."

would function [by] preventing progression of infection rather than preventing the infection itself."

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CITY PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION A PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Over the years we have traditionally urged a No vote on most bond issues. This is a very expensive way to raise money to finance a project. The interest and payments are almost double the cost of the original bond issue. Prop. A is an exception for us as San Francisco's public buildings and streets (the infrastructure) are in a real mess. The recent earthquake has shown us how years of neglect have harmed our city. These buildings and other public properties must be brought up to proper standards and then be maintained. Vote YES on Prop. A.

PROPOSITION B VOTE NO SCHOOL FACILITIES SPECIAL SAFETY TAX

When we think how much money has been pumped into this bottomless pit, we begin to wonder how we got into this mess. This ballot item was placed by members of the San Francisco Board of Education. To give this group of mean-spirited infighters any kind of extra tax dollars would be a disservice to the citizens of this city. Until this current board is replaced with members who are concerned about the schools and the children they claim to are concerned about the schools and the children they claim to represent, we say no to any type of new or special taxes. This board spends more time on cutting up each other than they do on the sues they were elected to handle. Vote NO on Prop. B.

PROPOSITION C EQUIPMENT LEASE FINANCING

This proposition would help streamline the city's leasing arrangements and bring its leasing policies into the 21st century. It should also save considerable amounts of money in the future. Vote YES on Prop. C.

PROPOSITION D NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION FUND

This would cut into regular taxable income to the city. It would take at least a million dollars from AIDS, housing, education and other health programs. The city should be able to keep up maintenance on graffiti and similar problems from existing funds. Vote NO on Prop. D.

PROPOSITION F MINIMUM FIREFIGHTING STAFFING

This is a special interest piece of legislation. We do not have to guarantee the firefighters union unnecessary overtime. This is the only union in this town that is still trying to keep out women and minorities in their hiring practices. It is interesting to note that the entire Fire Commission is against this proposition. This proposition could cost the taxpayers of San Francisco up to five million additional tax dollars a year. The extra money would be spent out

of the city, as most firefighters do not reside in San Francisco County. Vote NO on Prop. F.

VOTE YES FORMER SUPERVISOR HEALTH BENEFITS

Would allow former supervisors to elect to continue their health insurance coverage at their own expense. This a no cost to the city proposition. Vote YES on Prop. G.

PROPOSITION H **VOTE YES** FIRE INSPECTOR AND ENGINEER RETIREMENT BENEFITS

This is a charter amendment that would add fire safety inspectors and fire protection engineers to the list of safety employees who are now allowed to become members of the state's retirement system instead of the city's. No cost to San Francisco. Vote YES

PROPOSITION I VOTE YES RETIRED TEACHERS **CONSULTING CONTRACTS**

Another situation similar to that of Proposition H. It would seem that the Board of Supervisors should try to clear up these little annoying every-year ballot propositions. This could be done and then all of them could be cleared up at once. Vote YES on Prop. I

PROPOSITION J **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

This would make the commission permanent and not just an ad hoc committee. It would also reduce the number of commissioners from 15 to 11. This is one commission that works well, and it is important to keep it going. The cost to the city is minimal, \$4,200. Vote YES on Prop. J.

PROPOSITION K **VOTE NO** SEVEN MEMBER COMMISSIONS

While on the surface this looks like a good idea, there is no guarantee of better minority representation. If this could be worked into the commissions involved (i.e., civil service, permit appeals, fire, police, social services, airports, port, parking and traffic, public utilities), we could agree to it. These commissions take up large amounts of time now for their meetings. By adding two more members to each, it would increase their time even more. Citizens appearing before them should expect faster answers, not slower. We also don't like to see the mayor's office get more patronage. If the Board were given these appointments, we might reconsider this proposition in spite of the time increase. Vote NO on Prop. K.

VOTE YES PROPOSITION L **COMMISSIONER RESIDENCY** REQUIREMENT

This is a very reasonable request that all commissioners (there are some charter exclusions) be residents of the city and county of San Francisco. We believe that residents have a better feeling for their fellow citizens than, say, someone living in Novato. Vote YES on Prop. L.

VOTE NO PROPOSITION M COMMISSION GENDER COMPOSITION

We fail to see how this arrangement would help. Either the mayor or the Board appoints now. If they wish gender parity, they can do it. To make this a permanent part of the charter is absurd. We can envision empty seats as they look for a man or woman (hang the qualifications) to fill a particular seat. Why tie the hands of the mayor or the Board? Vote NO on Prop. M.

PROPOSITION N TWO TERM LIMIT FOR SUPERVISORS

We would rather see numbered seats or even district elections again than this version of two term limits. It doesn't address any of the real issues affecting the Board and its special interest constituencies. Vote NO on Prop. N.

PROPOSITION O HYPODERMIC SYRINGES

On the surface this looks fine, but the folks who put this on the ballot did not see fit to talk to any of the AIDS groups. It can cause more problems than it would solve. Vote NO on Prop O.

STATE PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 107 HOUSING AND HOMELESS BOND ACT OF 1990

Again we must reiterate the high cost of bonds and once again go against our own instincts. It seems the Legislature cannot agree on how to handle the homeless situation, so the voters must once

LETTERS

Stop Bashing Gay, White Males

se to the extremely hateful letter by * In response to the extremely hateful letter by Lily Gee Hickman. She feels outraged at the new AIDS posters. I would like her to review the facts and history. Her letter was racist and nasty to all caring and gay people.

Still, in San Francisco, the majority of those dying are Gay White Males (GWM). New research shows a 30 per cent infection rate among young GWMs under 25. in San Francisco, up to 90 per cent of cases are still GWMs. From 1981-86 everyone (including blacks, Asians, women and straights) who said, "Oh, AIDS is a GWM disease — who cares? Let them take care of themselves." Does Lily forget that nobody cared to help as long as GWMs were dying? Nobody gave a damn. Nobody gives a damn now. Only when it started to hit these other groups did they start to become involved and behave like moralistic pigs.

She insults every GWM that has died and is infected. Five thousand GWMs have died. HIV infection among blacks is at 700; among Asians it's 150. Women and children make 1-2 per cent. Her 130. Women and children make 1-2 per cent. Her philosophy, just like early straight bastards, is that the GWMs are expendable. It was GWMs that set up all the care agencies. Where were all the other minority groups when GWMs were dying en masse? Not until thousands of GWM deaths and until these other groups became infected did these groups begin screaming like habies

My lover and I moved here last year. We saw ads on TV and posters aimed at straights, children, blacks, Asians, Latinos — we never saw one, not one goddamned poster for GWMs. This is outrageous. This is discrimination. If cases are is outrageous. This is discrimination. If cases are going up among GWMs, then there should also be posters for this group. News stories have always played up to women, children and straights with their few cases (Yes, compared with the GWM, the other cases are few — this is a FACT). They get the sympathy, while the rest of the 90 per cent get nothing but guilt for being alive. Shame on you Lily. Shame. Shame. What the fuck gives you the right to think that other minorities have more feelings? GWMs are saddened enough by your fucking heterof riends. We dened enough by your fucking hetero friends. We have just as much feeling as the other groups. Half of us are on the road to death, isn't that good enough for you?

Thank you San Francisco AIDS Foundation for giving me something positive about myself instead of the guilt, shame and hate I receive from these other groups. Thank you Lily. You are scum. Period. We are NOT the enemy — stop making us out to be disgusting!

Daniel Formenti San Francisco

Applegate's Pile of Putrid

As a member (The Photographer) of the team that produced the now controversial "Safe Sex Poster," I feel compelled to write in response to two letters in the May 17 "Letters" page of B.A.R.

First, Dorothy Applegate's pile of putrid offal really does not deserve the dignity of comment, but I would like to remind her that she and other bigots do not hold a monopoly on the American Flag. As far as I know, it belongs to all Americans (even those Dorothy thinks are "pooey"), and, I hope, to all free people of the world.

Also Dorothy claims to speak for so many "good decent people" but on a recent Night Focus program on which the poster was the subject, a telephone poll revealed a 71 percent approval rating among those who called in. That is good enough for me.

With regards Lily Gee Hickman's hysterical ranting. If Ms. Hickman had taken so much as a few minutes to find out the facts before she let fly, she would know that the people that she claims have been disenfranchised by the poster have, in fact, already been targeted in previous campaigns by the San Francisco AIDS

Further, if she had cared to look at the offending poster, she would have noticed that in actuality, one of the models is Hispanic.

As much as I am sure that the ideal situation would be to target all people with every campaign, reason, if Ms. Hickman is capable of such, would tell her that this is not always possible. Some campaigns have to be specifically targeted. This one was — at young gay men. I hope that Ms. Hickman would allow that they too are entitled to AIDS revention efforts on the eart of the Servention efforts on the eart of to AIDS prevention effors on the part of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic.

P. Warwick May Oakland, CA

* * * ★ I have read and re-read the two lengthy letters in the May 17 B.A.R., expressing the writers' dissatisfaction with the "flag" poster. I find it sad and incredulous that nowhere do they address the question whether the poster will work to save lives — choosing instead to express their upset, their displeasure and their outrage at the poster as a means of artistic expression. Haven't we had quite enough of moral preconceptions getting in the way of saving lives?

I can't imagine that any symbol is more impor-tant than any life; or that in any case, it would be preferable to sacrifice any life rather than to desecrate any symbol.

If an appeal to patriotism — another way to look at the poster — enhances the appeal of safe sex, I'm all for it. If using "Old Glory" to advance the cause of saving lives is unethical, immoral and totally un-American, color me those!

Daniel Bridgehou San Rafael, CA *

★ Dear Dorothy: Would you please, please, please take your tired narrow-minded baggage back to Kansas where you presumably missed the train?

The yellow brick road is turning green, orothy. Green from intolerance from bigots

You are upset that our country's flag was used in a safe-sex poster. What more effective campaign could there by? Gay people are valid, worthy citizens of this country and certainly entitled to the same ideals this symbol stands for but in some cases does not represent.

Icertainly have more respect for the flag than Ronald Reagan did or Richard Nixon did, selling arms to a country that held our people for two years: lying to Congress, the American people; betraying his Oath of Office; Viet Nam; Watergate. No gay man or woman has ever tarnished our flag. Certainly not as these two (Reagan and Nixon) did.

Your hero Ronald (Adolf) Reagan ignored this health epidemic for eight years of his presiden-cy and as a result, these posters are necessary. Ad-mirably, President and Mrs. Bush do not share -your views and have taken some surprising strides toward easing the hurt gay people have endured, especially during the past eight years.

It is obvious which portion of your anatomy has overloaded your brain. I take great pleasure in speaking my mind to you as I have seen many of your "letters" in the *Chronicle*. You are a sad, pathetic, old bag with no tolerance of anyone who is different, i.e., bigot.

Many gay men and women have fought and died in this country's too frequent conflicts with little recognition except, ironically, an American flag over their casket.

Leonard Matlovich was a rare exception. He challenged our government, was a hero and was buried with full military honors in the same graveyard as John F. Kennedy. Gay people are valid, worthy citizens of this nation. It is our leaders who have heaped shame on the flag.

Oh, Dorothy dear — before I go — would you consider lending your picture out to be imprinted on seat cushions and bar stools, so when we sit down we can remember you with a smile?

Gary Ostrander San Francisco

Enough Bonds

★ I would like to call attention to an alarming trend — the use of Bond Financing for government activities. Bond Financing is not in the best interest of California. Let me illustrate my concerns.

On June 5, California voters can authorize more than \$3 billion (\$3,150,000,000) of bonds. During the next 20 years we will pay more than \$51% billion (\$5,664,000,000) for these bonds. We get \$3 billion of products or services and pay \$2.5 billion for the "privilege" of using Bond Financing.

Where does the payment for this additional \$2.5 billion come from? Taxes of course! Increasing amounts of our tax dollars are paying for Bond Financing. We get fewer products and services while costs escalate. This is due largely to Bond Financing.

I am not discussing the merits of these proposals. California needs many of these issues. Still, I do not believe that Bond Financing is the proper solution. We need to get as much as we can from our hard-earned money.

To make matters worse, this is only one elec-tion. Bond Financing has been going on for years. I do not have Bond financing information from

Send a message to the state legislators. We have had enough bond financing. Vote NO on the bond issues. This is a tax of the worst kind, one where we get less than we pay for.

Rob Cofer



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LETTERS

Burroughs Wellcome Responds

*Your article of April 19 brought into question several contributions Burroughs Wellcome's political action committee has made over the years. While we continue to be quite sensitive to the concerns of PWAs, we would hope your readers could understand that a researchintensive company such as Wellcome also has its own broad area of concerns. Areas such as the use of animals in research, the environment, regulatory and health care issues are critical to our ability to function. That is why we contribute to a wide spectrum of politicians who vote on many issues.

Perhaps, in addition to your list of contributors, it would be useful for your readers to know some of the many activities Burroughs Wellcome has contributed to in direct support of PWAs. These include support for Californians Against Proposition 102, Project Open Hand (including support immediately following the earthquake), The Annual Lesbian and Gay Health Conference, The San Francisco Department of Public Health, The Davies Medical Center's Institute for HIV Research and Treatment, Rest Stop and Catholic Charities, among others.

These contributions, unlike those made to political candidates, are funded from corporate revenues that includes those from Retrovir. They are examples of our support in Northern California, and there have been comparable HIV-related contributions made throughout other regions of the country.

There are many diseases that have neither cures nor optimal treatments, such as AIDS, and any future hope in these areas rests to a great extent on continued research.

It should be pointed out that Retrovir accounts for less than 10 percent of worldwide sales revenues and was approved in March 1987. The sales figures you quote prior to that time are totally irrelevant because they don't include Retrovir. As to your other figures, they are speculation about the future by analysts, and are only speculation — not fact.

Burroughs Wellcome has been actively involved in antiviral research for more than 30 years and has been working in HIV research since the virus was identified in 1984. We are proud of our research record and of the many positive steps the company has taken to advance the health care of people with HIV infection.

Thack Brown Public Affairs Director

Detain Attacker(s)

★ Regarding the letter you published in the May 3 edition of the B.A.R. concerning 10 or 12 young punks verbally and physically abusing several male citizens on Church Street between 14th and Duboce.

The guys did the right thing by using their whistles to alert others in the area to the danger and possibly, thereby, gain some assistance in mounting an effective defense, and then calling the police and making a full report to the incident.

However, in instances where the assailants attempt to run away before the police arrive, it may be prudent to remember that, in the spirit of justice being served, it is only necessary to detain one of the antagonists until the police arrive. Any one member of a group of attackers can put the finger on the other participants. This will greatly facilitate the police in pursuing the case to its logical culmination, punishment of the criminals.

Naturally, it is not my place to suggest what measures to employ in detaining one of the young brigands, guess that is best left to the victim's imagination. In any case, this seems to be the logical way to assist justice in running its full course. (And don't forget to report the entire incident, including the police reaction to your report, to the Community United Against Violence.)

Jerry DeYoung San Francisco

Unfair Eulogy

★ The late Keith White will be missed by the dance community, but I fail to see how his memory is honored by Paul Parish's inaccurate, contentious and negative judgements on White's colleagues, (B.A.R., May 17).

Parish's comment, "Keith White was virtually alone among critics in liking the Joffrey Ballet," is indefensible. In publications as disparate as San Francisco Magazine and Ballet News, I championed the Joffrey Ballet since Steve Baffrey first brought them to Stanford in the mid-Sixties.

My colleagues Marilyn Tucker of the Chronicle and Allan Ulrich of the Examiner have also been supporters of the Joffrey — especially its historical reconstructions and contemporary choreographers.

One needn't agree with Keith White's taste in all things balletic to appreciate that his writing was fair and accurate. Wish I could say the same about Parish's eulogy.

Stephanie von Buchau Larkspur, CA

'Gay' Turncoats

★ It is a grievance to me and many other gay males that a large number of our "brothers" still perpetuate their own brand of homophobia within the gay community ... in a time when it is more important than ever before, that we band together in order to eradicate (for once and for all) heterosexual bigotry.

This particular brand of homophobia (of gay brother against gay brother) I coin "affection-phobia," for it arises not from fear of male-to-male sex, but from fear of brotherly affection (which demands compassion, loyalty and mutual respect).

It is obvious that many guys who claim to be part of the gay community perceive "gay" as nothing more than a quick "dick fix" with another boy or man ... without any dedication whatsoever to the greater ideal of gay rights (whose fulfillment in the 1990s will benefit all aspects of Human Rights.)

As our rage against homophobia increases, likewise will it turn upon those brothers who thwart the cause of gay rights with their petty, male-ego power games. We will soon reach a crossroad, where the gay community will split between the "turnocats," and the true revolutionaries... in order to fulfill the doctrine so clearly laid down by our founding fathers in the Declaration of Independence.

We already see this in issues such as "outing," and pressuring our hesitant "brothers" to participate in boycotts (such as the current attack against Marlboro cigarettes) and elections (at least when relevant to gay liberation). These turn-coats can be identified by their discouraging statements such as: "There's really no such thing as gay rights", "It's dangerous to come out; better to lay low," I'm glad I'm over forty, the world can only get worse," and (I love this one) "History repeats itself; here comes the gas ovens again."

Turncoats do whatever they can to deter any brother who believes and actively participates in gay rights through games of mockery, isolation, rejection and any other forms of persecution that occur to them.

I address the turncoats: "My so-called brothers, you have had ample time to clean up you act and prove your loyalty. Step aside or be counted as the enemy."

Gene Catalano San Francisco

'Underground' Drugs

* It has come to the attention of our organization that individuals may be utilizing ddI, ddC and other HIV medications without medical supervision. We recognize the realities that foster usage of so-called "underground" medications and, although we do not stand in judgement of it, we do have serious concerns regarding the potential complications associated with the use of these drugs.

As physicians experienced with the use of these agents, we have become increasingly aware of possible significant side-effects such as neuropathies, seizures, liver problems and pancreatitis — which may be potentially lethal.

Our organization urges anyone who does decide to take ddl or other antiviral medications to be closely followed and monitored by a physician. We are concerned; please do not consider these drugs to be innocuous.

Leonard A. Simpson, M.D. Chair, Social Policy Action Committee

Donald I. Abrams, M.D. Chairman, The Community Consortium San Francisco

Scrutinize Insurance Candidates

★ Why hasn't anyone challenged any of the candidates for insurance commissioner about their position on health insurance for "domestic partners.?"

I'm tired of hearing arguments and debates about auto insurance rates. Can we have some substantive challenges here?

Tony A. Hurd San Francisco

LETTERS

Unlimited Possibilities

★ To begin with, I would like to say that I have always been and always will be in favor of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. So lovingly and painful-AIDS Memorial Quilt. So Jovingly and paintulput together by so many loving, caring and hurt
people, it's getting too big, and I don't have to tell
you that many more deaths are to follow. I don't
know just how big the quilt is, but before very
long it will be more than likely large enough to
cover the entire state of Kansas and maybe parts
of Nebraska as well as some of Colorado.

I'm not being facetious, but am wondering if maybe we, the survivors, could do something not only in memory of our lost ones but good for the rest of the world at the same time? Something not only beneficial to the earth, but practical as

Ask any ecologist: How much benefit could the earth receive if we surivors of AIDS were to start planting trees dedicated to the memories of our brothers, sisters, children, loved ones, husbands, wives and parents? When my time comes to die of AIDS, or some opportunistic infection, if one or more of my friends would get together and dedicate a tree to me or at least to my memory, I would be much comforted.

In closing, I would like to say that most trees are not really expensive. We could name them, visit them whenever we want to and maybe even make dedication plaques — the possibilities are unlimited, not to mention sensible.

> B. Gordon Person Living with AIDS San Francisco

Support Wildlife Protection

I urge a yes vote on June 5 on Proposition 117, the Wildlife Protection Initiative. The passage of Proposition 117 will provide for habitat acquisi-tion and a permanent ban on trophy hunting of the California mountain lion.

Some hunters want to continue trophy hunting Some nunters want to continue troppy nunting of the mountain lion for the sole purpose of possessing a trophy. While it is trophy hunting, wherein lies the sport when a wild animal is chased to the point of exhaustion up a tree by hunting hounds and then shot at close range by a hunter with a high-powered rifle?

Not all hunters approve of trophy hunting. Many hunters signed the petition resulting in Proposition 117. I heard some of them denounce trophy hunting of mountain lions as being the ultimate in lack of sportsmanship.

As some of these signators said they were members of the National Rifle Association, it appears that the NRA, in its opposition to Proposition 117, does not speak for its entire sition 117, d membership.

Rosemary Green Berkeley, CA

Respect Non-Drinkers

The following letter was sent to the Parade Committee:

I have recently been told that there are some 85 or so booths in the parade that have access to sell non-alcoholic beverages — so why another booth? My answer is simple. There are no alternative ways for those same beer-selling booths to raise a dollar, and respect non-drinkers. I am not advocating a no-sale of alcoholic beverages at the parade; I would just ask that you allow those same booths an extra margin. Don't even those same booths an extra margin. Don't even think that you have to purchase those non-alcoholic beverages, for I would love to take on that responsibility for my non-profit group if we get the go-ahead to sell beer.

I hope you will think about this idea as a refreshing change from years past, as a way of in-corporating new ideas about the drinking and non-drinking public getting together for the good causes that are out there, and for appreciating a different way of seeing a very situation for

Robin Silberman San Francisco

Stop Gay Bashing

★ Violence erupted in a quiet neighborhood near Duboce Park this week. One of our brothers, Gary Clayton, on his way home from work as an attendant of AIDS patients, was brutally attackd by a group of vicious men bearing weapons.

His life was spared only by the courageous efforts of a passing cab driver and three very special women. Gary believes he would not be alive today had it not been for these people. He feels "there was absolutely no reason for this to happen in a civilized society. The incident was totally unprovoked."

These types of attacks need to stop. Public of-ficials need to take a tougher stand to prevent future incidents and to prosecute to the fullest ex-tent of the law, people responsible for these types of crimes. The time has come for us all to take a stand and see that this never happens again.

> Maurreen F. Burns Sam Young San Francisco

In Defense of Gay Frats

★ I would like to thank Kate Brandt from the bottom of my heart for her article "It's All Greek to Me" (B.A.R., May 10).

As the president of the San Francisco State Chapter of Delta Lamda Phi, social fraternity formed by gay men for all men! I spend a great deal of time explaining and sometimes defending the existence of our organization at San Fransisco State University. Much of the time the explaining is done to fellow gay brothers and sisters.

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Thank you for pointing out that as gay women and men leaving our home means "joining a system that discriminates against us." The reason for starting a progressive fraternity was not to perpetuate or contribute to the stereotypical attitudes and actions of fraternities and sororities that have leaved our adventigated in the starting that have leaved our adventigated in this progression. that have plagued our educational institutions for decades — but rather to give gay men a chance to bond with other gay men in a non-threatening

We are a social and service-oriented group and we are a social and service-oriented group and from time to time we do participate in some political events. On top of working for the community and enjoying our lives as gay men (which is what being "gay" is all about) we are a constant support for one another during difficult times. We just spent three weeks of group process work teaching us how to deal with AIDS and the loss we all feel. We have become a support for those we all feel. We have become a support for those brothers that are HIV-positive and do community service with an AIDS organization here in the city. We are also working with a gay youth center and Greenpeace.

I really feel sorry for the members of Berkeley's Gay and Lesbian Alliance for feeling that once an institution has become disreputable and has strayed from its original purpose (as the fraternal system has) that we should sit back and watch it crumble.

Gay men and lesbians are the inspiration from which wonderful ideas and light come — as well as the restorers of beauty.

David A. Crowther, Jr. President, Delta Lambda Phi, San Francisco State University Chapter

Silenced Activists

★ Having just read your article "Castro Activists Being Silenced," I thought I should write. On April 16, I left my apartment to do laundry at the laundromat on 18th Street next to the Badlands bar. At the corner of 18th and Castro were two men who proceeded to tear down the fliers and posters on the boards surrounding the old Elephant Walk.

Both men were white, probably mid-30s. They were not police officers nor did they wear any sort of identifying t-shirts to allow me to infer of what organization, if any, they might have belong-

The only other person I have ever seen tearing down fliers was a city sweeper

I know this doesn't help identify who might be trying to silence the Castro community, but I thought you would like to know this information.

Kevin J. Kennedy San Francisco

'700 Club' Lies

A copy of this letter was sent to the program director of KICU-TV, Channel 36:

★ On the Friday, May II edition of The 700 Club. Rev. Pat Robertson announced to the world that child molestation and bestiality were part of the gay rights lobby.

You should consider the possibility that your right to free speech ends where deliberate lying begins. Child molestation has been condemned by the gay community many times, particularly by lesbians, and we have never called for bestiality to be protected by the Hate Crimes Bill. The Rev. Pat Robertson is a liar, period.

An apology to the gay and lesbian community would be in order.

David Nahmod San Francisco

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Alioto Targets 'Twin Peaks'

Supervisor Angela Alioto is taking some flak from some for her position on last week's Twin Peaks TV show, but she makes sense to me.

Alioto was quick to denounce the shows season finale because of a scene in which two characters cut their fingers and rubbed them together in a blood-brother ritual.

Alioto says she will send a letter urging ABCTV and the popular show's producers to provide some form of AIDS education or a public-service announcement stressing the dangers of exchanging blood.

Alioto, claiming that the scene outraged many in the AIDS community, says it sent "a dangerous message to children and young adults" and despite Alioto's being mocked by certain local journalists, there are many who would agree with her.

Anti-Politician Mood

Incumbent congressmen and senators across the country are reportedly running scared this year, with the "kick the rascals out" fever hitting a pitch not seen in many years.

Pennsylvania's Rep. John Murtha, an 18-year veteran and one of the most powerful Democrat's in Washington, was thought to have an easy ride this year, but barely won renomination last week with 51 percent of the vote, and other incumbents — particularly Democrats—are in deep trouble in states from California to Florida.

One Democratic Party official said that there was an anti-Washington mood so strong this year that many incumbents are expected to be kicked out and the new Congress taking office next January will include a lot of new faces.

In Connecticut, incidentally, former U.S. Sen. Lowell Weicker, defeated for reelection last year because he would not follow his fellow Republicans on every vote, is running for governor as an "independent" against the two major party candidates, and the popular Weicker, the most pro-gay Republican in Congress, is now expected to win that governor's race in November.

Consultant a Dirty Word?

Examiner reporter Andy Furillo wrote a sizzling story Sunday on local campaign consultants — those who make



Angela Alioto

mega-bucks getting candidates elected (or attempt to).

The specter of these people calling each other "prostitutes, rip-off artists," etc. is truly amusing, all the time reportedly passing the jobs — and big money — among themselves.

One local officeholder, when asked about the political hiredguns this week, said: "They 're all a bunch of get-rich-quick sleazebags, any one of whom would sell their mother; no one respects these people, not even those of us who hire them."

Lee Atwater's Fight

Lee Atwater, the 39-year-old chair of the Republican Party, reportedly dying of a brain tumor, is said to be finding many new friends among his former political foes.

Atwater, the man Rep. Pat Schroeder once called "the most evil man in America," is fighting for his life and many who fought him are calling and visiting him.

One anti-Atwater magazine even ran a story recently asking him to keep fighting for his life.

Atwater is reportedly near death, and those who once detested him are hoping for his recovery. Politics is truly a strange business.

NOW Backing Smith

Linda Joplin, chairwoman of the California National Organization for Women's Political Action Committee on why her organization supports Arlo Smith in the spirited attorney general race: "We've been exceedingly disappointed with Reiner; spouting feminist principles is not enough. Actions speak louder than words. We endorsed Arlo Smith because of his strong position on child-support collections and pro-

secution of perpetrators of rape."

Willie Denies Comments

One of the best running stories in Sacramento has Speaker Willie Brown in a controversy with the League of Women Voters.

Brown, peeved at the League because it is supporting Proposition 119, a redistricting measure likely to diminish strength in the Legislature, was quoted a few weeks ago in Sacramento's Political Pulse newsletter, by women attending a forum in Ontario as warning the League to "stay in the kitchen where it belongs."

The speaker first acknowledged the gist of the remark, although he said he was misinterpreted. However, Brown, now denies it entirely.

Sen. Donahue?

The Democrats are looking for someone credible to run against U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato in New York in 1992 and high on their list is TV talk-show host Phil Donahue.

Saying he would consider it, Donahue said this week: "I'm



Willie Brown

not sure my politics are electable. I'm for gay rights; I'm against the death penalty; I'm pro-choice ... it might not be my decade."

Odds and Ends

The aforementioned Willie Brown on the public wrangle Dianne Feinstein and John Van de Kamp got into on their television debate regarding which of the two were the most wealthy (both claimed they started out with humble beginnings) Brown: "You won't run into either of them at K mart.

Congratulations to the more than 1,000 cyclists who raised (Continued on page 21)

MURPHY'S MANOR



Yeah, Ike the How about a Holy Daddy Bear?





by Kurt Erichsen

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Dianne Feinstein for Governor

Not since the beginning of Not since the beginning of the gay liberation movement has our community been as besieged as we are today entering the decade of the '90s. The AIDS epidemic has brought more devastation upon us than could have ever been imagined. ould have ever been imagined by all of the Anita Bryants, Jesse Helms, John Briggs and the rest of the hatemongers combined. Incidents of violence against gays and lesbians have never been higher. Disrimination in housing, employment and health care is rampant in the age of HIV. For eight years we have been ignored by state government.

The present governor has ignored the health crisis not even nored the heath crisis not even being able to bring himself to mention the word AIDS once during his tenure. Legislative action to ban discrimination against gays and lesbians in such fundamental areas as housing and employment has been vetoed by the governor, because he felt they were "unnecessary.

As we enter the decade of the '90s, we stand with our backs to the wall, openly at-tacked on the streets and more subtly attacked by society's institutions. These are battles that we will not be able to win ourselves. The time has come that state government must assume its right and proper place in these struggles. Frankly folks, we need Dianne

has spent nearly 20 years in public service. She has always stood with us in our struggle against discrimination. She against discrimination. She was in fact the author of San Francisco's law banning sexual orientation discrimination. She has worked with us, always including openly gay and lesbian people on her staff. She has shared the political power with us, appointing the first gay member of the San Francisco Police Commission rancisco Police Commission and far more openly gay and lesbian people to city boards and commissions than all of her predecessors combined.

She has always sought out and listened to our counsel, even when she may not have ultimately followed it. She has encouraged us in our accomplishments, laughed with us in our times of joy, cried with us in times of sorrow, and marched with us in periods of grief. She has been our friend. She will be our friend as gov-

Long before she announced her decision to run for gover-nor, she told me in private con-versation that the No. 1 issue today in the state of California was the AIDS epidemic. We knew that. But for a straight politician to know it made her

At a time when both the state and federal governments were hiding their heads in the sand, refusing to acknowledge Dianne Feinstein as mayor of San Francisco who recognized that a crisis was at hand and that swift government response was required.

Before the disease was even named, and before the human immunodeficiency virus was even identified, Dianne Feineven identified, Dianne Feinstein was consulting such medical experts as there were at that time to plan a city response to what she knew would inevitably be a catastrophe. She was the first public official anywhere to make AIDS a Public Health Department priority and to Department priority, and to develop a plan to deal with it. Under her leadership San Francisco established the model AIDS public health program in the world, which it remains today. She was asked and agreed to the head the National Conference of Mayors AIDS Task Force.

ASIDS lask Force.

As the AIDS epidemic enters its second decade, we must have a governor who knows the problem, who isn't afraid to talk about it, and who will bring leadership so that state government in California will assume its rightful role and responsibility toward finance. and responsibility toward fin-ding solutions and help reduce the havoc wreaked by this horrible disease. Dianne Fein-stein is that leader.

Apart from the AIDS epidemic we share with all Californians similar wants and needs: The desire to pursue



Dianne Feinstein

our individual lives with freedom and without fear of prejudice or discrimination; adequate and affordable housing; health insurance and health care in time of need; the freedom to walk the streets and go about our lives safely and free from fear of crime; freedom to live in a clean environment with unpolluted water to drink; the desire to

choose what we do with our own bodies free of government intervention.

In short, we want to live and be a part of a just society whose governor shares our goals and is capable of addressing the issues of the '90s in a competent and compassionate fashion. On June 5 please cast your vote for Dianne Feinstein.

Donna Hitchens for Superior Court, No. 15

by Roberta Achtenberg

This year, voters in San Francisco have the rare opportunity to vote for one of the most highly regarded leaders in the lesbian and gay commu-nity — Donna Hitchens for Superior Court judge.

Superior Court judge.

I know Donna as a friend, a colleague, an excellent lawyer, and a dedicated advocate for all human rights. Throughout her legal career, Donna has distinguished herself as a leader, a gifted scholar and teacher, and an individual of exceptional integrity.

Even more than that how-

Even more than that, how-ever, Donna Hitchens has shown herself to be a truth-seeker — and a tireless crusader for social justice.

crusader for social justice.

Immediately after law school — armed with a small grant and a big vision — Donna Hitchens founded the Lesbian Rights Project. As a public interest law firm dedicated to protecting the rights of lesbians, gay men, and their families, the LRP was the only civil rights organization of its kind at the time. Now called the National Center for Lesbian Rights, it still is.

It is that intuitive under-

It is that intuitive under-standing of what is right for our community that Donna will bring to the Superior Court bench. It is her sensitiv-ity to the pany bigses of the ity to the many biases of the legal system — and to their



Donna Hitchens

bians and gay men, and people of color — that will make her an outstanding judge.

We know, however, that almost half of the voters who walk into the voting booth on June 5 won't make it far enough down the ballot to vote

for judge. Please don't let that happen to you. We get few chances in our lifetimes to elect someone as clearly right for the office as Donna Hit-chens. Seize the opportunity. Vote for Donna Hitchens for Superior Court Judge, Office

Jim Wachob for **State Senator**

by Connie O'Connor

The name Jim Wachob is an important one for lesbian and gay voters to remember when we cast our ballots June 5.

Wachob is a longshot candidate to unseat State Senator Quentin Kopp. It is certainly a deserves our appreciation and votes. Since Kopp runs as an Independent, Jim Wachob must first win the Democratic nomination.

His opponent in the primary is a reactionary anti-choicer whose name, Patrick Fitzgerald, is one political observers would like to forget. Fitzgerald has made a point of seeking the support of gaybaiter Rev. Lou Sheldon of the notorious Traditional Values

Fitzgerald is running on a platform as the "pro-life candidate." He is devoted to "the traditional family" and wants to do something about the "too many single people" on San Francisco's Democratic Central Committee. Fitzgerald was opposed to Proposition S, the domestic partnership ordi-

Where Fitzgerald has been a menace on social justice con-cerns, Jim Wachob has a distinguished record of com-munity service. He is com-pleting his third term on the

Democratic Central Commitbelinoratic Continuous tee. He is a founder of the District 8 Democratic Club, and works diligently to have this important group support lesbian and gay candidates.

Jim Wachob led the fight to clean up a toxic waste dump at University Mount Reservoir, and to save community medical services from budget cuts.

Jim Wachob's years of community service have earned him widespread neighborhood support. He is endorsed by all three lesbian and gay Democratic clubs, a majority of supervisors, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and Assembly members John Burton and lackie Speigr and Jackie Speier.

Jim Wachob has been out-front on our issues. Whether it was campaigning for domestic partnerships, or opposing regressive AIDS propositions, Jim Wachob has been a dependable ally. The nice thing about the Senate race is that about the Schale race is that there is a real choice. It is not simply a campaign between two evils. Jim Wachob desires our votes in the Democratic primary so that he can raise tough issues against Quentin Kopp this November.

So, please, remember the name Jim Wachob when you head to the polls June 5. He has been a great friend, and will make a great state senator.

Re-Elect Judge Lillian Sing

by Judge Herb Donaldson

Quality tells. This is as true with respect to persons as it is to merchandise. A vote for Lilian Sing is a vote for quality on the bench in the City and County of San Francisco. Let me give you some of the reasons I intend to vote to retain Lillian Sing as Municipal Judge here in San Francisco.

This year I will finish my eighth year on the Municipal Court, and Lillian is in her ninth year. She was appointed to the bench about a year before I was, so she was already on the bench when I received my appointment from Gov. Jerry Brown. I had known Lillian before she was appointed to the bench, for we were both volunteering our time in the Public Defender's office, but our friendship was the casual kind that co-workers achieve.

When I took my place on the Municipal Bench I was well-received by all the judges, but there were two who were especially supportive: our own Mary Morgan (appointed at the same time that Lillian was) and Lillian Sing. During the past eight years the three of us have developed a closeness that goes well beyond the friendship of a colleague. Both are dear friends of mine, and I have had the rare opportunity of seeing how both operate on the bench and off the bench in attempting to do that which judges are supposed to do: justice.

All three of us are up for elec-

tion this June 5. Only one of us is being opposed — Lillian. Let me share some of the insights I have achieved with respect to Lillian.

During the past nine years Lillian Sing has presided over every department in the San Francisco Municipal Court. These include Misdemeanor Trial Court, Preliminary Hearing Court, Civil Trial Court, Civil Law and Motion, Criminal Law and Motion, Assistant Presiding Judge and last year Presiding Judge, unanimously elected by the entire Municipal Bench. In all of those positions she has handled the workload in a professional manner and with a real sensitivity to the litigants who appear before her.

The Municipal Court is the "People's Court" and it is there that most persons who have experience with the court system appear. Lillian treats all persons who appear before her with the same courtesy, notwithstanding that some of them may be in a custody status, that some may be emotionally unstable or that in the case of Small Claims matters, some may not be able to express themselves as well as they might.

As presiding judge this past year her administrative skills were responsible for enabling the Court to drastically reduce the case backlogs. She was in the forefront, in cooperation with the Superior Court Presiding Judge, in protecting the appropriations for the operation of the Municipal Court system made possible

by the stateside Trial Court Funding.

Her finest hour was in the public judicial forum "Access to Justice," which was attended by more than 600 persons where the judges made themselves available to answer questions from the public regarding the court system and made presentations on various aspects of the law. This concept of a public forum she brought to actualization through her own hard work and persuasive skills to the other judges of the court.

By retaining Judge Sing, we maintain the diversity of the local bench. If the courts are going to be responsive to all the people it must reflect the diversity of the people it purports to serve. San Francisco with its large Asian population has only one Asian judge on the Superior Court and one on the Municipal Court. As well, the courts still do not have sufficient women on board. It is only with a constant eye to the makeup of the courts that we are going to be able to achieve that diversity which our courts should have. Not to retain an exceptionally well qualified Asian woman on the bench would be unthinkable.

Judge Sing is an exceptionally well qualified judge, as determined by the San Francisco Bar Association. From my own observations she is well sensitized to the problems of minorities. She is a quality judge who ought to be retained on our local Municipal Court. I urge a vote for my friend, Lillian Sing.



Judge Lillian Sing

State Controller Gray Davis

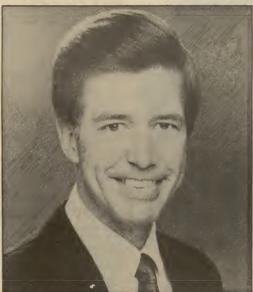
by Supervisor Doris Ward

State Controller Gray Davis has been a friend to San Francisco and the gay community for the past two decades.

Davis has served as controller since 1986, yet his public support for the gay community dates back to the 1970s when he served for seven years as Gov. Jerry Brown's chief of staff. Davis was an advocate for those first appointments of openly gay men and lesbians to such important positions as judgeships and the University of California Board of Regents.

Gray was also active in promoting AB1, a bill that would make it illegal to discriminate against gays and lesbians in matters of housing and employment. He strongly urged the assembly and senate to support the eradication of discrimination based on sexual

As controller, Davis proposed an innovative tax credit for contributions for AIDS research (AB563) and negotiated its passage through both houses of the legislature. Unfortunately, it was vetoed by Governor George Deukme-



State Controller Gray Davis

jian. He also served as state cochair of the successful campaign against Dannemeyer's Proposition 102 in 1988, which would have shut down all anonymous HIV testing sites, allowed employers and insurers to test for the virus, and would have made it mandatory for doctors to report all HIV-infected individuals to the government. Davis adamantly opposed the initiative and debated its proponent Paul Gann on television.

Davis' exemplary commitment to human rights was recognized by Christopher Street West/Los Angeles when he was honored with the George Moscone Award in 1989 during the Gay Pride Celebration. CSW/LA presents the Moscone award annually to a non-gay advocate for gay rights.

"Gay rights are civil rights," said Davis upon receiving the Moscone award. "No one should be relegated to the back of the bus."

Expanding on his firm commitment to the right to privacy, Davis has always been prochoice. Before any elected official knew which way the wind blew, Davis was on the front lines fighting for a woman's right to choose and reproductive freedom.

His fierce defense of choice led Davis to sponsor the "Pro-Choice Freedom Buses."

The first Davis-sponsored

bus carried leaders of the women's community from Los Angeles to a pro-choice rally in San Francisco, the largest pro-choice rally ever in the Bay Area. The second bus, also made possible by Davis, joined a caravan of buses that took leaders from Los Angeles to Sacramento on the 16th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. On that day in our state's capitol, hundreds of grass-roots organizers and pro-choice sympathizers lobbied their legislators. Their voices were heard, and the governor was pressured into restoring slashed funding for family planning services.

When the catastrophic San Francisco earthquake hit, Davis intervened by immediately establishing a central relief center to expedite the processing of claims. With this central clearinghouse set up, Davis helped ease the financial burden the earthquake left in its wake. Whether the crisis is AIDS or an earthquake, Gray Davis has proven that he is here when our city needs him.

For his bold actions and leadership, I urge you to join me in supporting Gray Davis.

State Treasurer — Kathleen Brown

by Steven Krefting

The office of state treasurer used to be a sleepy accountant's post. Then former Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh got the job in the 1970s and transformed it into a political powerhouse. When Unruh died in 1987 Gov. George Deukmejian appointed civil servant Thomas Hayes to the post in another of his attempts to turn back California's political clock.

The treasurer is responsible for investing an average of \$350 million a day in state tax and bond funds, and supervises the annual sale of about \$6 billion worth of state bonds and notes.

Voters of the state have an opportunity to restore a strong progressive to this office this year in the candidacy of Kathleen Brown. Daughter of former Gov. Pat Brown and sister of former governor and state Democratic Party Chair Jerry Brown, Kathleen has already carved out her own niche on California's political landscape.

Kathleen Brown has most recently served as a commissioner of the Los Angeles Board of Public Works. There



Kathleen Brown

she was one of five people responsible for the oversight of a seven-bureau, 5,000 employee operation. Prior to this, she was a twice-elected member of the Los Angeles Board of Education.

An attorney, Kathleen was also a founding member of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley's Blue Ribbon Finance Task Force, making recommendations for financing strategies for the city's future needs.

Kathleen says, regarding the race, "I have three great assets: I am a woman, I am a Democrat and I am a Brown.... I

also have three liabilities: I am a woman, I am a Democrat, and I am a Brown."

As treasurer, she would supervise a staff of 200 with a budget of \$13 million. She said she planned to continue the tradition of her brother, Jerry, when it comes to hiring her staff. Jerry Brown was the first governor to appoint open gays and lesbians to the bench and other influential positions in state government.

Brown has been endorsed by the powerful Southern California gay group MECLA and the Harvey Milk and Alice B. Toklas Clubs, as well as major gay and lesbian leaders around the state, including Harry Britt, Carole Migden and Roberta Achtenberg.

The influence this office has on the lesbian and gay community goes beyond just staffing. The treasurer influences the allocations of scarce state financial resources among local government officials, special districts, hospitals and schools.

The treasurer is also charged with issuing the bonds approved by the voters to finance various projects. Brown has (Continued on page 18)

A Candidate for All

by Hon. Mary C. Morgan

The June ballot in San Francisco is unique. This is probably the first time in history that the people of San Francisco will be able to have a direct voice in who will hold so many judicial positions. This presents an unprecedented opportunity for lesbians and gay men, women and minorities to have an impact on our court system.

I heartily support Julie Tang for Municipal Court Judge Office No. 1, and I urge you to do the same.

Julie is eminently qualified to be a judge. She is a woman of high ethical standards who has the courage to stand up for what she believes in. Her extensive background as a lawyer representing poor women trying to obtain child support has taught her the importance of sensitivity and fairness to all the many kinds of people who will appear in Municipal Court.

As an immigrant and someone whose first language is not English, she appreciates the importance of taking time to ensure that people in court really understand the procedures and the significance of what is said. She is a woman of principle, compassion and deep concern for the people of



Julie Tang

this city. She is calm in the face of warring factions (a great attribute to have in court!) and has a wonderful sense of humor. In short, it will be a pleasure to have her as a colleague on the bench.

Julie is also a great friend of our community. She has spent many of her years in public service forging the coalition that now exists between the Chinese and lesbian/gay communities. There is no question in my mind that she will continue to be vigilant against all forms of homophobia, sexism and racism wherever she finds

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Both Major Lesbian and Gay Democratic Clubs Agree:

John Van de Kamp for Governor

Don't let Dianne Feinstein Run Away from her Record:

- She Vetoed Domestic Partnerships
- She Opposed Legislation to Permit AIDS Drug Testing in California
- She Vetoed Rent Controls on Vacant Apartments
- She Refused to Ride in the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade for 10 years as Mayor
- She Vetoed Comparable Worth Legislation
- She Opposed Prop M to Control Downtown Growth

Alice B. Toklas and Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Clubs support John Van de Kamp for Governor!

Vote Tuesday June 5th:

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Vote Yes on Props 108 & 111

by Supervisor Bill Maher

The city's small business and neighborhood leaders have an opportunity to help guarantee a better future for every San Franciscan by supporting and helping pass Propositions 111 and 108.

Those of us who live, work and shop in San Francisco's neighborhoods realize the imneighborhoods realize the importance of improving local and state transportation systems and reducing congestion on our streets and highways. Passage of Propositions 111 and 108 will greatly improve the delivery of goods and services between supand services between sup-pliers, small business, and comsumers

Since 1980, San Francisco has gained nearly 95,000 new residents — a 14 percent increase. We enter this new decade facing monumental challenges. In addition to many aging unprecedented traffic congestion and coping with population growth in the City for the first time since the 1950s, we must also address earthquake on the city; deal with spiraling health care costs; social service projects, such as funding for AIDS treatment and research; and meals on wheels; ensure adequate law enforcement and public safety protection; and teach our children the skills to compete in the modern work force

The nature and magnitude of these demands call for an in-novative and comprehensive plan — a blueprint to move San Francisco, and the rest of California, toward the start of a new century.

That's why the San Francis-co Board of Supervisors, The Bay Area Council, California Chamber of Commerce, Cali-fornia Police Chiefs Association, California Association of Highway Patrolmen, California Retailers Association, California Transportation Commission, California Manufac Wantiacturers Association, League of Women Voters of California, AARP—California State Legislative Committee, all major gubernatorial candidates, and more than 100 major statewide taxpayer, law enforcement, senior, business, health care, labor and education organiza-tions have endorsed Propositions 111 and 108.

Known as the Traffic Congestion Relief and Spending Limitation Act of 1990, Proposition 111 contains two major components that will provide the resources and direction necessary to address today's challenges: a traffic congestion relief package and a modifica-tion of the existing govern-ment spending limit.

Traffic Congestion Relief:

Congestion levels have become unbearable. No longer
concentrated only in Southern
California, gridlock now
plagues the Bay Area, and it's
going to get worse. A lot worse!
Congestion is expected to double — even triple in some areas
— in just 10 years. in just 10 years

17 earthquake, we need to have flexible and alternative transportation systems for times of emergency as well as in the daily course of business.

Even if revenues were available, we can no longer expect to simply build our way out of gridlock. Those days are long gone. We need a dramatic change in direction. Proposition 111 outlines a sensible, farreaching transportation tion III outlines a sensible, tar-reaching transportation package that utilizes in-novative strategies to tackle to-day's unique traffic problems and better prepare for tom-morow's needs. It sets new priorities and represents a whole new comprehensive ap-proach to solving our traffic proach to solving our traffic nightmares. Proposition 111 will provide \$18.5 billion to be spent during the next 10 years to:

- · Make our freeways, bridges and streets earthquake safe in both initial construction and through retrofitting.
- Complete already-authorized projects. It will fund the 1988 State Transportation Improvement Plan shortfall.
- Expand local rail transit systems in the Bay Area, San-ta Clara, Sacramento, San Diego, San Joaquin Valley, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties and elsewhere.
- Fix potholes and increase maintenance of local streets and highways.
- Reduce peak-hour traffic by expanding van, carpool and staggered work hour pro-
- Improve traffic flow through synchronized signals, freeway ramp signals, electronic traffic message signs and other modern devices.

Where will the money come rom? Directly from those who use the roads, through increased user fees — a 5-cent-pergallon fuel tax increase this year and an additional 1 cent each of the next four years (a total increase of 9 cents), and increased truck weight fees. The gasoline tax increase will total about \$60 a year for the average driver. It's an increase we can afford!

Some of the San Francisco projects that will be completed or eligible for funding when Propositions 111 and 108 pass

- Widening Highway 80 from Highway 101 to 4th
- Various improvements to Highway 280.
- San Francisco Rail Transit Projects
- Relocating MUNI Metro Terminal and Turnback Facili-ty to increase MUNI efficiency and service improvement.
- Extending MUNI Metro to 6th Street and then to 16th Street at Potrero Hill.
- Extending the F-Market Street Car west to Eureka Valley (Castro and Market) and to the foot of Mar



Supervisor Bill Maher

ket and north to Fisherman's

- Extending Caltran Com muter Rail service from 7th and Townsend to Transbay Terminal.
- Adding 50 new MUNI Metro cars and replacing 130 existing cars.
- Replacing MUNI Metro Subway Signal System.
- Extending BART to San Francisco International Air-
- Replacing trolley bus fleet with new trolleys equip-ped for wheelchairs for

Proposition 111 will also provide \$8,403,122 to the city and

county of San Francisco to fix and maintain our streets and repair damage done by the earthquake to numerous water mains throughout the city.

Proposition 108 — the Passenger Rail and Clean Air Bond Act.

- will provide the remainder of the necessary funds. Although an integral part of the Proposition 111 package, as a bond issue, Proposition 112 package, as osition 108 must appear separately on the ballot. It is a well-planned program for im-proving and expanding rail transit systems throughout the state. The state provides little assistance for rail transit, and experts agree that state funding for this important transportation alternative must be in-

Accountability:

- The new revenues generated by Propositions 111 and 108 will be used solely on transportation.
- Proposition 111 requires how and where the increased transportation funds were spent.

Spending Limit Modifica-

The existing spending limit on state and local government threatens essential govern-ment services needed to maintain economic growth. It prevents us from using the revenues generated by growth to provide the increased gov-ernment services required by growth.

Proposition 111 will exempt the new gas tax revenues from the spending limit and allow state and local limits to grow with our economy, but no faster. This factor is of extreme importance to small business. It will keep strong taxpayer controls on government spen-ding, and enable alreadycollected tax dollars to be used to meet pressing law enforce-ment, health care, senior, education and other needs.

The choice is simple: We can let our traffic and other problems get worse, or we can do something about them now!

We have the technology and the know-how to tackle these problems. What we have lack-ed until now is the concensus — a well thought-out plan of action — and now we have that: Propositions 111 and 108.

I hope you will join me in voting for Propositions 111 and 108 on June 5. There's a lot riding on it!

Arlo Smith Our Choice for **Attorney General**

by Steve Schulte, former West Hollywood City Councilmember

I have been working with Arlo Smith for the past several months in Southern Califor-nia. The response to Arlo's campaign for attorney general among gays and lesbians here has been fantastic. Members of our community have grown to know Arlo's opponent, Los Angeles District Attorney Ira Reiner, during the past eight years, and the comparison between the two contenders is dramatic. It's a matter of not only style but substance

As district attorney of San Francisco, Arlo Smith has compiled the most proactive, progressive record of any D.A. in the country on the subject of gay rights. His record on gay and lesbian hiring, on AIDS discrimination or export of discrimination, on support of gay and lesbian candidates, on women's issues, on hate crimes, and on myriad of other



Arlo Smith

significant issues, is outstand

Ira Reiner, on the other hand, has an abysmal record in all areas where Arlo has excelled. Rarely have gay and les-bian voters had such a clear choice in candidates for a state-

The Office of Attorney General affects the lives of all of us. The attorney general issues opinions on civil and gay rights, on AIDS discrimina-tion, and on such important tronics as experimental AIDS drugs and abortion drugs. It is imperative that we have a friend and ally in that office. Arlo Smith is our friend. Ira Reiner is, quite simply, unac-

Every gay and lesbian organization in California has endorsed Arlo Smith. Every gay and lesbian elected official has endorsed Arlo Smith.

Please join with me, California NOW, and virtually every minority group in the state, in supporting Arlo Smith. Our future, quite literally, depends

Kay Tsenin, A Good Choice Vote No on

I urge members of the les-bian and gay community to vote for Kay Tsenin to replace Deukmejian appointee Carlos Bea, because Kay is a savvy at-torney with a broad range of torney with a broad range of experience and a lifelong record fighting for women's rights and lesbian and gay rights. Unlike her opponent who never gave a thought to resigning from the discriminatory Olympic Club until he had to run for office, equal justice for all is second nature to Kay all is second nature to Kay.

I first met Kay during Roberta Achtenberg's campaign for State Assembly, of which Kay played an essential part. Kay was the architect of the legal strategy that enabled Roberta to block John Burton from looking up the race early from locking up the race early by winning the Democratic Party endorsement. She brilliantly recognized that the intent of the State Elections intent of the State Elections Code provisions governing the Democratic Party was to prevent elected officials from subverting the will of democratically elected members of the Party's Central Committee by packing the Committee on the eve of the endorsement vote with their appointees.

Despite being subjected to Despite being subjected to threats that she would be politically ruined among Democratic Party regulars loyal to John Burton, she courageously worked night and day, sacrificing her own law practice, to prepare a lawsuit and go into court on very short notice, to seek an injunction to block the last-minute packing of the Committee by Burton and his political cronies. political cronies

While the court was reluctant to get involved in an intra party dispute and would not grant as much relief as Kay re-quested, Kay's legal efforts were an important part of the fight to have a lesbian candifight to have a lesbian candidate for party endorsement taken seriously. Her vigorous legal efforts sent a strong message to party officials that, like Harvey Milk, our community will not sit by passively when straight white males try to keep us from breaking into the "old boy" network. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Kay on that valiant legal effort.

Kay is well qualified to be a

Kay is well qualified to be a judge on the Superior Court.



Kay Tsenin

Besides 16 years experience in private practice, Kay has served as a judge, pro-tem on the San Francisco Municipal Court. She was a former chair of the Marin County Housing Grievance Committee, arbitrating and mediating housing disputes. She has extensive civil litigation experience in civil litigation experience, in-cluding civil rights cases, and acting as a pro-bono attorney mediating conflicts for community organizations.

As a leader in the women's community, she acted as legal counsel for California N.O.W., and was instrumental in drafting rape legislation later adopted by the California legislature. She was a founder of Marin Abused Women's Ser-

Kay has also served her native Russian community, providing pro-bono, bilingual legal services to Russian seniors. Interestingly, Kay was born in China, after her family fled Siberia after the Bolshevik Revolution.

Finally, Kay has been active in neighborhood issues as vice-president of the Alamo Square Neighborhood Association. She is the proprietor of the popular women's bed and breakfast inn, The Langtry. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Trial Lawyer's Association.

Along with Donna Hitchens, Kay would provide our com-munity strong representation on the Superior Court. Let's not be satisfied with electing just one lesbian for the first time to the Superior Court, but rather take advantage of the opportunity Kay provides to elect two.

> by Paul Melbostad, Commissioner, San Francisco Board of Permit Appeals ▼

Proposition F

by Fire Commissioner Sharon Bretz

Imagine a job that paid \$580 a day in overtime. You'd probably do whatever you could to

That's what a San Francisco firefighter earns, and it's why the firefighters' union placed Proposition F on the ballot.

The union wants to force the mayor, the fire chief and the fire commissioner — all of whom oppose Prop. F — to put an unnecessary fifth firefighter on the back of fire trucks.

Until last year San Francisco was one of the only major U.S. cities with five firefighters riding on the back. Some cities have as few as three. In the name of efficiency, Mayor Art Agnos and Fire Chief Postel brought San Francisco into line with all other major cities.

Now the union wants to restore that extra firefighter and pay him or her overtime wages. It would cost the city \$5 million a year.

When you set aside the politics and the hyperbole that's what Prop. F is all about: Protecting fat overtime checks, not fire safety or earthquake preparedness.

Let me tell you about fire safety. San Francisco is safer from fires today than in anytime during this century. The reason is simple: better fire codes and fire precautions, including mandatory sprinkler systems and smoke detectors, modern fire resistant construcmodern fire resistant construc-tion material and, as a last resort, modern firefighting equipment.

The role of the fire department has dramatically changment has dramatically changed in the past decade. The number of building fires is down 20 percent since 1980. Meanwhile, calls for emergency medical services, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, have increased more than 400 percent in the same time period. Today, the San Francisco Fire Department responds to 10 times more emergency to 10 times more emergency medical calls than fires.

The fire department must address society's changing demands with training and new equipment. Proposition F, which merely mandates an un-necessary fifth firefighter on the back of fire trucks, does nothing to meet that need or improve our safety.

Proposition F will not lead to the hiring of a single new firefighter. In fact, the city is under court order to hire 90 under court order to hire 90 new firefighters each year. The union, which is backing Prop. F under the guise of fire safety, is fighting the court order, which is bringing more women and minorities into the department. But the union would rather preserve overtime pay for a few of the old-timers.

Another myth the union is promoting is that we need Prop. F to prepare for the next



Sharon Bretz

earthquake, a classic scare tactic that San Francisco voters should reject.

After the Oct. 17 earthquake, After the Oct. 17 earthquake, hundreds of off-duty firefighters reported for work. The extent to which there was a problem, it wasn't a shortage of firefighters: The problem was a lack of equipment to put

In the 1980s, San Francisco fell behind its historic commitment to purchasing new fire trucks. During the 1950s, '60s and '70s the city bought an average of nearly 40 new trucks per decade. From 1980 through 1987 that number averaged just 15.

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Mayor Agnos has developed an ambitious purchase schedule to modernize the city's firefighting fleet. In the first two years of his administration the city obtained eight pumper trucks and four engine trucks.

Proposition F, by forcing the city to pay \$10,000 a day in overtime costs, will divert money from desperately needed equipment and into the pockers of a few firefighters. That's bad policy.

This year San Francisco is facing a budget deficit of at least \$42 million. The earth-quake and drought have drain-ed the city's bank account, leading to a third straight year of budget cutting.

We can't solve the budget problem with easy cuts. They've already been made.

While revenues are down, costs are up. No one has to tell the lesbian and gay commu-nity that the need for AIDS services outstrips the supply. And yet if Prop. F passes, AIDS services will be up against even stiffer competi-tion for scarce city funds.

Three years ago San Francisco voters rejected by a wide margin a similar fire department staffing measure. The only thing different in 1990 is that the union is trying to cash in on the department's hard-sarred post-quake repulsarity. earned post-quake popularity.

San Francisco voters can love the firefighters without giving them \$5 million in guaranteed overtime. Vote No on Proposition F.

No, No, No on 115

by Bobbie Stein

Take a look at Prop 115 before punching the hole on that ballot in June. The truth is, Prop 115 packs a punch all of its own. The so-called "Crime Victims Justice Reform Act" is overly broad and represents a serious threats a the pixel like. serious threat to the civil liber-ties of all Californians. By its express terms, the initiative amends the California Consti-tution to eliminate all state-constitutional rights of criminal defendants.

This means that California can no longer afford its citizens broader potection than that which is recognized under Federal law. By eliminating key provisions of the Califor-nia Constitution, the measure will affect everyone's privacy rights, not just those of crimi-nal defendants. We will all become victims of this poorly thought out attempt to "just say no to crime.

Drafted and sponsored by the California District Attornue Cantornia District Attor-ney's Association and endors-ed by Sen. Pete Wilson, the ini-tiative seeks vast changes in the criminal justice system. Although the initiative's passage would result in some reforms, the price we would all have to pay is much too high. Under our present state constitution, we have the right to choose an abortion. We are guaranteed confidentiality of medical records. We have a free speech right to petition and distribute literature in any shopping center that is open to the public. Prop 115 changes all of that.

California's early restrictive

California's early restrictive sex laws were repealed by the Legislature after California voters added the right to privacy to the California Con-

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VOTE JUNE



Photos by Rick Gerharter

Mint's Tricycle Race **A Spinning Success**

by Allen White

The Mint's annual Memorial Day tricycle race raised thou-sands of dollars for the San Francisco AIDS Emergency Fund this year.

The race features teams of The race features teams of two dressed in outrageous garb, winding their way up Market Street while making frequent pit stops at their favorite bars along the way. The rules require both riders to have a drink at each stop, though it doesn't have to be an alcoholic one.

alcoholic one.

The fastest riders of the 19 teams made the trip in 27 minutes. Others were a bit slower. The first to return to the Mint were the reigning Mr. and Mrs. Bunny. They suffered the height of humiliation when their bike collapsed under the weight of a rather large drag queen. "It was fun while it lasted," said Mrs. Bun-

The winners were Ron Lezell and Mike Arbunich. Ar-Lezell and Mike Arbunich. Arbunich has won the race five times with his specially designed trike. The five-time winner, who is straight, brings his children. He and Lezell announced their prize money of \$300 would be donated back to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Two-hundred dollars went to second-prize winners Phil Barbaer and Chuck Goles of the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Chorus. Third prize went to Hot'n Hunky's Ron Jones and Steven Fagore.

Decorating a tricycle can also be good for a prize or two. The best trike decor award went to Larry Merlin and Kevin Brown from Alvin's. The best costume prize went to The Special's D. Nelson and Jerry Faber in

their *Driving Miss Daisy* outfits.

The Memorial Day Great Tricycle Race is much more than simply a race. It is a San Francisco happening. Grey Line tourists stuck at the Dolores Street red light were in a state of shock. After witnessing the antics of a couple dozen drag queens, they seemed to be satisfied they will have something to tell the folks



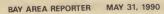
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UNOCAL 76 SERVICE STATION FOR THEIR MOST GENEROUS DONATION OF THE USE OF THEIR PARKING LOT FOR

THE GREAT TRICYCLE RACE







BLACK PARTY



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Public Defender Jeff Brown

by Carole Migden

Jeff Brown has been the San Francisco public defender since 1978.

Brown has demonstrated his concern for the lesbian and gay men's community. He has maintained an open door to our community and its con-

Over the years, Brown has been there when his office was needed to defend individuals subject to police sweeps of community hang-outs. And outside of court he has used his political authority to discourage the use of police resources on victimless of-

After the passage of Proposition 96 (mandatory AIDS antibody testing), Brown and his staff played a key role in opposing its implementation in San Francisco.

Brown has accomplished a great deal toward the improvement of the quality of representation for members of our community in the courts. He has given a great deal of at-tention to the special needs of members of our community especially, around HIV disease

He has succeeded in making the San Francisco Public Defenders Office a national model.



Jeff Brown

During his tenure he has been committed to ethical, competent and professional standards in the representa-tion of indigent people in trouble with the law

A key to Brown's success is his ability to hire a talented and diversified staff. From our community his has hired a substantial number of lesbian and gay attorneys.

Throughout Brown's career he has clearly demonstrated his concern for the needs of our community.

We should support Jeff Brown in this election because of his dedication to the prin-ciples of fairness and equal justice for all.

A Clear Choice for Superior Court

by T.J. Anthony

The race for Supeior Court #3 offers a very clear choice for lesbian and gay voters: Judge Alex Saldamando.

Since his appointment to the Municipal Court in 1979, by Gov. Jerry Brown, Judge Saldamando has become one of San Francisco's most respected Municipal Court judges, putting to use his extensive experience as a public tensive experience as a public interest lawyer, prosecutor and legal educator.

His opponent is Judge I. Dominique Olcomendy, a conservative, appointed to the Municipal Court by Gov. Ronald

Judge Saldamando's exviews have already won him the endorsements of the Harvey Milk Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, the Alice B. Democratic Club, the Alice B. Toklas Lesb ian/Gay Democratic Club and the Stonewall Gay Democratic Club, Mayor Art Agnos and Supervisor Harry Britt, as well as by the Latino Democratic Club, the National Women's Political Caucus, the Black Leadership Forum and the Filipino-American Democratic Club, among others.

As a Hispanic, Judge Saldamando's personal knowledge of prejudice gives him an understanding of homophobia that too few judges can offer. He has worked extensively with minorities as a public interest lawyer and through his involvement with community organizations, and has an extremely sensitive outlook towards groups and in-dividuals who suffer the effects of prejudice.

Judge Saldamando has actively sought the gay vote and has gone out of his way to introduce himself to our community. He has attended many meetings of lesbian and gay political and community groups, making an effort not to just get an endorsement but to understand our unique conunderstand our unique con-cerns. It was especially en-couraging to see Judge Saldamando at the recent Milk Club event honoring Harvey's 60th birthday. Since the dinner came well after he had already received the Milk Club's endorsement, his attendance was a welcome sign of friendship for our community

Saldamando's support from



the legal community is ex-tremely strong, including the endorsement of the Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Free-dom (BALIF). He also received a "well qualified" rating from the San Francisco Bar Associ-ation and edited out Oleomen. ation and edged out Olcomendy in the Lawyer's Club plebiscite. He has received endorsements from more than half of San Francisco's Assis-tant District Attorneys, 10 sittant District Attorneys, 10 str-ting Superior Court judges, a retired Superior Court judge, a retired Federal Court judge, two sitting Municipal Court judges, the Queen's Bench and

Prior to becoming a judge, Saldamando served as a pub lic interest attorney with San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance and Califor-Rural Legal Assistance, where he represented income and minority clients. He also served as a prosecutor

in the Consumer Fraud Unit of the San Francisco District Attorney's office.

Judge Saldamando is a Judge Saldamando is a respected legal scholar and hae extensive experience as an educator of lawyers and judges. He is involved in many community and professional organizations, and currently serves as president of the California Judges Foundation. He is a member of the La Raza Bar Association of Latino Elected Officials and the Mexican-American Political Associa-American Political Associa-tion, and is a former member of the Latino Family Counseling Center. He is vice-chair of the San Francisco 2000 Com-

Judge Saldamando is the most qualified candidate for Superior Court #3 and deserves the strong support of the lesbian and gay community on June 5.

Treasurer

condemned the backlog of \$7.4 billion in bonds that have been approved but not issued. She approved but not issued. She claims that bonds for prison construction have been issued aggressively while the treasurer has dragged his heels on the issuance of bonds for environmental projects and schools. She also blasts Hayes for a dramatic increase of state employee pension fund investments in junk bonds, up 60 percent in just 14 months

"The people of California trust the treasurer to make safe, sound investments and keep a careful watch on our money," Brown said. "As treasurer, I will ensure that the public's money is prudently managed for the highest but safest return and will oppose any pension fund investment in junk bonds.

Depending on the result of the June 5 primary, Brown's Republican opponent will either be incumbent Hayes, who touts his status as a decorated ex-Marine and sprinkles his speeches with sprinkles his speeches with battlefield metaphors, or Angela Buchanan, who pro-claims herself a true blue con-servative and has the support of former Reagan officials Alexander Haig and Lyn Nof-

There is only one friend of our community running for state treasurer. Vote for Kathleen Brown

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them.
Justice is best served by making our courts a reflection of the rich diversity of our city. One of the reasons it is important for lesbians and gay men to be part of the judiciary is that we—like every other person—brigge our life or the part of the judiciary is that we—like every other person—brigge our life or the judiciary is that we—like every other person—brigge our life or the judiciary is the judiciary in the judiciary is the property of the judiciary is the judiciary in the judiciary in the judiciary is the judiciary in the judiciary in the judiciary is the judiciary in the judiciary in the judiciary is the judiciary in the judici son — bring our life ex-periences to the judicial decision-making process. It is critical for Asian American women like Julie to be there

A vote for Julie is a vote for all of us and a reaffirmation that the "People's Court" should mirror all the different kinds of people and life experiences that make up San Francisco.

Yes on **Propositions 111** & 108

We are writing to urge your immediate support of Propositions 111 and 108 on the June 5

Why should the gay and lesbian community care about these transportation and rail bond measures?

Because this comprehensive package goes far beyond transportation. In fact, Propositions 111 and 108 will benefit health care, social services, AIDS research, hospice care and a host of vital programs we have worked so diligently for this past decade

Our state and local govern-

ments are being held hostage by an outdated spending limit that is halting the spending of already collected tax dollars on vital programs.

According to the Commission on State Finance, \$22 billion in tax revenues will be denied to state and local programs over the next 10 years unless the limit is changed: already collected tax dollars that could be used for in-home services for those suffering from AIDS, assistance for hospitalization, physician services and medication.

We need a spending limit

that will reflect the growth in our healthy economy while allowing us to provide for our growing service needs.

That's where Propositions 111 and 108 come in. The cornerstone of Prop. 111 is modifying the limit to reflect our growing population and strong economy. Prop. 111 will make common sense changes by allowing the limit to grow with our increasing population, exempting emergency expen-ditures from the limit (such as an earthquake) and exempting gas tax increases, dedicated to transportation, from the

spending limit.

This last provision provides the tie-in with the much-publicized transportation program and gas tax increase. Prop. 111 allows increased gas tax monies to be spent without affecting the spending limit for other programs. Prop. 111 and its companion rail bond measure, Prop. 108, will put a comprehensive transportation program into effect.

Without the much needed changes in the government spending limit in Prop. 111, the ability of health and social

A Good Manager & Friend

by Supervisor Angela Alioto

One of the most unnoticed government agencies turns out to be a virtual lifeline for San Franciscans.

The race for assessor now underway reminds us of just how critical this post is to the smooth functioning of the City.

Supervisor Richard Hongisto is the only candidate with the requisite qualifications for the job. The City relies on the half billion dollars it receives in income through assessments developed by the assessor. That is the most revenue received by the City from any single source.

A sloppy or mismanaged department can result in the loss of millions of dollars for City programs. With the City already facing a \$43 million deficit, vital human needs, like AIDS and children services, cannot afford to depend on an incompetent assessor.

Richard Hongisto has extensive management experience. As the reform sheriff for San Francisco, Richard Hongisto managed a department of 400 employees, which is three times the size of the Assessor's Office.

Hongisto was also the first law enforcement official in the world to recruit openly lesbian and gay staff into his department. Sheriff Hongisto made unprecedented opportunities available for women and minorities in San Francisco.

He took a department in disarray and completely turn-



Sup. Richard Hongisto

ed it around. He made the Sheriff's Department a model operation and restored public and employee respect for it.

That is what Richard Hongisto will do for the Assessor's Office.

But first he needs your support.

As an out-front gay rights activist for 30 years, Richard Hongisto is a particularly close friend of the lesbian and gay community. His election as assessor would make Richard Hongisto not only the most qualified candidate to serve, but also the only one with an extraordinary gay rights record.

As sheriff, Richard Hongisto traveled to Florida to campaign against Anita Bryant. For more than 25 years, he has advocated for the rights of

same sex couples to marry.

As supervisor, he worked diligently to save San Francisco's domestic partners ordinance. He successfully arranged for the city attorney to intervene to save the lesbian and gay rights ordinance from legal attack by Western Union.

Richard Hongisto has stood shoulder to shoulder with AIDS activists in fighting La-Rouche and Dannemeyer. He is the author of the landmark Catastrophic Sick Leave Transfer Program. The first of its kind in the nation, the program gives City employees with AIDS and other lifethreatening illnesses as much as 20 months of full salary and benefits.

It is no wonder that Richard Hongisto has earned the endorsements of all three Lesbian and Gay Democratic Clubs, the National Organization for Women/PAC and the National Women's Political Caucus.

Richard Hongisto has always stood firmly with the lesbian and gay community. He is a good friend, and will be the kind of reformer in the Assessor's Office that will be good for San Francisco.

good for San Francisco.

The Assessor's Office may not be a terribly visible institution, but its functions are critical to the City. With Richard Hongisto, San Francisco gets the most qualified and experienced manager for the job.

Join me in supporting Richard Hongisto for assessor.

Prop. 115

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Similarly, the Wilson initiative substantially reduces the California Constitution's existing protection for the confidentiality of medical records and the right to make choices about heroic medical care.

Even in the area of desired reform, Prop 115 fails. The initiative eliminates preliminary hearings for most criminal cases and requires instead a grand jury indictment. Exclusive reliance on grand jury indictment, however, will result in an increasing burden on already overburdened Superior Courts. Preliminary hearings allow the screening of criminal cases both for the pro-

secutor and the defendant.

If weaknesses appear in the prosecution at the preliminary hearing stage, the case is likely to be resolved without the expense of a trial. Defendants, too, have an opportunity to see the evidence against them at a preliminary hearing. If the case against them is strong, they are more likely to plead guilty at an early stage, thus avoiding the delay and cost of a new trial. Without preliminary hearings, the result will be fewer guilty pleas, more trials, and more court congestion.

In order to accommodate other provisions of Prop 115, additional public defenders, prosecutors, judges and court rooms will be needed. This translates into hundreds of millions of dollars in new taxes for us to pay!

for us to pay!

In short, Proposition 115 is a bad idea. It will make all Californians victims, leaving us financially poorer and less free.

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Yes on 108 & 111

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service providers to maintain the level of service demanded of them will be severely strained. That's why these propositions have been endorsed by the California Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, the California Association of Public Hospitals, the California Medical Association, the California Medical Transportation Association, and the California Nurses Association.

Piease do all that you can to inform your friends, family, and colleagues about the importance to the gay and lesbian community of the passage of Propositions 111 and 108 on June 5.

The Yes on 111 and 108 campaign can make available to you literature for any upcoming meeting you are planning. In Northern California, please call Michael Tarbox at (415) 340-0470.

With only a few days left in this campaign, your active participation is urgently needed!

Ivy Bottini,
President, Stonewall
Democratic Club, LA
Bob Dockendorff,
President, Harvey Milk
Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, SF
Richmond Young,
President, Stonewall Gay
Democratic Club, SF

Propositions (Continued from page 6)

again jump in. This proposition doesn't address the homeless problem completely, but it is a small start. We must start somewhere to address the ever-increasing housing shortage and the issue of homeless citizens. We must all urge our elected representatives to start working on some sort of solution. Vote YES on Prop. 107.

PROPOSITION 108 VOTE YES PASSENGER RAIL AND CLEAN AIR BOND ACT OF 1990

This issue is about transit bonds and would build new urban and intercity commuter rail transit lines. It outlines specific projects and would also add extensions to BART, CalTrains and the SF Muni. This proposal deserves your strong support. It is also tied into Proposition 111, which would expand the highway system. It seems to be weighing apples and oranges together. If Proposition 111 is not passed, it negates 108. Vote YES on 108.

PROPOSITION 109 VOTE NO GOVERNOR'S REVIEW OF LEGISLATION, LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES

This constitutional amendment would allow the governor an additional 29 days to either sign or veto a bill. The governor now has 12 days in which to act. Extending the time would give special interest groups extra time to make back-room deals and slow down the passage of legislation. Vote NO on Prop. 109.

PROPOSITION 110 VOTE YES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SEVERELY DISABLED PERSONS

This is an honest bypassing of Proposition 13 and can help hundreds of disabled persons. Persons who are disabled by serious illness (i.e., AIDS/ARC) would qualify. Let's give these citizens a break. Vote YES on Prop. 110.

PROPOSITION 111

VOTE YES

TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF AND SPENDING LIMITATION

As stated earlier, this is tied into 108. We do not like to see the California highway system enlarged, but it is in bad shape. This bill will help to make repairs to an overburdened system. While we do not support this proposition in its entirety, we urge a Yes vote just to get Prop. 108 into gear. Vote YES on Prop. 111.

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BAY AREA LAWYERS FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM

Recommends:

For Superior Court Judge: DONNA HITCHENS

Founder, Lesbian Rights Project Civil Rights Attorney

ALEX SALDAMANDO

Currently on the Municipal Court

KAY TSENIN

Attorney Lesbian/Feminist Activist

For Municipal Court:
Retain
JUDGE LILLIAN SING

For Democratic Nomination State Attorney General: ARLO SMITH

VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 115

Protect our Right to Privacy

BALIF is a Bar Association of 400 lawyers, law students, legal workers and judges.

Army: Payback Unnecessary But Gay Cadet Unwanted

The U.S. Army has decided that gay college graduate James Holobaugh does not have to repay his ROTC scholarship.

Holobaugh, who graduated this month from Washington University in St. Louis, had been disenrolled from ROTC and ordered to repay the scholarship after he admitted being gay to an ROTC instructor during his senior year.

Although rescinding its repayment recommendation, the Army's decision discharges Holobaugh from ROTC and denies him his com-

"While I am pleased I will not have to repay the money, I am terribly disappointed that the Army has not seen fit to grant me a commission and to allow me to serve my country," said Holobaugh. "My case only serves to underscore the wastefulness of the military's ban on lesbians and gay men. I intend to continue to pursue my commission and to continue my efforts to have the military abandon a policy that is rooted in ignorance and prejudice."

William Rubenstein, staff counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which represents Holobaugh, said, "We've won an important battle in the long war to overturn the military's ban on lesbians



James Holobaugh

and gay men. The victory is significant because it shows that there are limits to the military's mean-spiritedness."

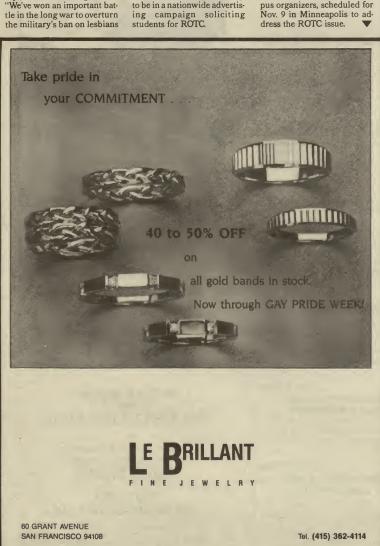
Holobaugh was the recipient Holobaugh was the recipient of a highly competitive four-year Army ROTC scholarship. He was rated "one of the top performers in his ROTC class," and was selected by the Army to be in a nationwide advertisNonetheless, when Holobaugh "came out" during his senior year of college, the Army began disenrollment proceedings against him.

In January 1990 the Army ruled that there was no evidence that Holobaugh's coming out amounted to an attempt to deceive them; yet, the Army recommended not only that Holobaugh be disenrolled but also that he be ordered to reimburse the military in full for his scholarship. This decision reverses the repayment recommendation.

"The Army's retreat in this case was the product of pressure generated by several dozen members of Congress, led by Representative Gerry Studds, and by a number of universities, including Washing-ton University," Rubenstein said.

Studds and 23 other members of Congress wrote a letter to the Army on Holobaugh's behalf, as did Edward Macias, the provost of Washington University. Macias's letter criticized the Army's policy as being "clearly inconsistent with the non-discriminatory values of this (and I should think virtually all) universities." Studds and 23 other mem-

Gay Rights Project is planning a national conference of campus organizers, scheduled for



National Briefs

Activists Occupy Drugmaker's Office

A group of seven AIDS activists were arrested in Bethesda, Md, May 23, after commandeering the American offices of a Japanese pharmaceutical company, demanding that the price of a treatment for the disease be lowered by 50 percent. The demonstrators, members of ACT UP/New York, were ticketed with loitering citations outside the offices and were released. The protestors aimed their action at Fujisawa Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Japanese company that recently purchased Lyphomed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Rosemont, Ill-based drug firm. AIDS activists have long been at odds with Lyphomed concerning the high price of aerosol pentamidine, a preventative for the pneuactivists have long been at odds with Lyphomed concerning the high price of aerosol pentamidine, a preventative for the pneumocystis which most often strikes AIDS patients. Over the past several months, AIDS activists, including members of ACT UP, have held several meetings with Lyphomed and Fujisawa officials on the price of the drug, the last of which was held one month ago in New York City. Although activists report that the company is willing to discuss the possibility of a price cut, the drug's price has not come down, despite the negotiations. Since August 1987 aerosol pentamidine has cost \$100 a vial. Activists have long criticized the company for its fourfold price increase on the drug from its \$25 a vial price only four years earlier. on the drug from its \$25 a vial price only four years earlier.

—Cliff O'Neill

Gay Authors Denounce Lambda Legal

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Gay authors Larry Kramer (Faggots, The Normal Heart) and Armistead Maupin (Tales of the City) have cancelled their membership in the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, America's largest gaylesbian law firm. In a letter to Lambda Executive Director Thomas Stoddard, Kramer wrote: "I am told you consider Larry Kramer and Outweek magazine to be the biggest problems in the gay community...I hope you will come to your senses before too long. May I suggest you try some therapy? Outweek is a New York weekly gay magazine that has become nortorious for its role in the "outing" phenomenon. And Maupin's denunciation of Lambda stems directly from the law firm's anti-outing positions. "We can no longer support an organization that purports to educate the American public about homosexuality, then sends its executive director on national television to help institutionalize censorship and homophobia," vision to help institutionalize censorship and homophobia," Maupin and his lover, Terry Anderson, wrote. Maupin and Anderson said Stoddard's latest contributions to the gay civil right struggle are "utterly contrary to what we consider our contribution." Stoddard refused comment on Maupin's and Kramer's actions because "it is inappropriate to carry on personal disagreements in public. Colleagues should be treat one another as colleagues and not as enemies," -Rex Wockner

Episcopalian Left, Gays to Meet

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In an unusual display of solidarity among progressive religious groups, 10 Episcopal Church organizations, including Integrity, the lesbian and gay justice ministry of the Episcopal Church (and the Anglican Churches of Canada and Australia) will meet in St. Louis, June 21-24. Integrity will hold a convention as part of the "Under One Roof" Conference together with various other social, justice and pastoral networks of the Church. The conference will conclude Sunday, Lesbian/Gay Pride Day, with a service at Christ Church Cathedral which will include the installation of new officers for Integrity, and Integrity's participation in St. Louis' Lesbian/Gay Pride March. Sponsors, in addition to Integrity, include the Episcopal Women's Caucus, the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition, the Appalachian People's Service Organization, The Episcopal Urban Caucus, the National Episcopal Coalition on Alcohol and Drugs, and the Urban Bishops' Caucus. The Urban Bishops' Caucus is important because it brings together progressive bishops to share problems and develop a common agengressive bishops to share problems and develop a common agenda and it gives Integrity an opportunity to dialogue with them.

Jewish Group Votes Rights for Gays

On May 15 more than 600 members of the Rabbinical Assembly, the ruling council of the 1.5 million member Conservative branch of Judaism, endorsed civil rights for lesbians and gays and welcomed Jewish gays in their synagogues. But they said that traditional Judaism sanctioned only heterosexual lifestyles, according to the Northern California Jewish Bulletin. In June, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, leaders of the Reform branch of Judaism, will vote on the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Homosexuality and the Rabbinate. If the four-year study is endorsed, the group's position will be that gays and lesbians should be accepted as candidates for Rabbinic training, placed as Rabbis in congregations of the Reform branch and given membership in the Rabbinic body.

——Dennis Conkin

-Dennis Conkin

NGLTF Seeks Intern Volunteers

Interns interested in working on gay and lesbian issues in the nation's capital are encouraged to apply now for a National Gay and Lesbian internship. NGLTF is accepting intern applications for summer and the rest of the year in its Washington, DC, of fice. Interns are not paid, but they have the opportunity to work on a variety of projects of national importance, including: legislation and lobbying, media advocasy, demonstrations and events, hate crimes campus, domestic next pership/family and other hate crimes, campus, domestic partnership/family and other issues. For more information, contact Mary Martone, NGLTF Intern Coordinator, at (202) 332-6483, or write her at 1517 U Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009.

Alpha

He also claims that it produced a marked rise in T4-cell counts to levels even above normal.

Hassett told Windy City Times, a Chicago gay newspaper, that although as of mid-May he had not yet received final approval for the study from either the Mt. Sinai institutional review board or the FDA, he believed early formal approval was assured.

Both had suggested only very small changes in his pro-tocol, he said and he was confident that his study could begin in early June.

Of the 45 to 50 people in Hassett's study, 60 percent will be placed on alpha interferon and 40 percent will receive a placebo for comparison purposes.

One of the several criticisms that has been made of Koech's study was the absence of a placebo control group. It was for that reason that the British medical journal Lancet declined to publish his first paper on the topic. It is now said to be scheduled for June publication in Molecular Biotherapy.

The subjects in Hassett's study will be on medication (or placebo) for six weeks, and he hopes to have some meaning-ful results before the end of the summer. While he seemed excited about the study, Hassett was careful in how he phrased what was at issue medically.

"We hope to demonstrate that there is an activity produc-ed with oral interferon, to see if there is an improvement, and what degree of improvement," he said.

Koech's claims of high levels of therapeutic efficacy at such low dosage levels have caused his work to be viewed with skepticism by other researchers.

While alpha interferon has been shown to have some anti-HIV properties, and in vitro has been shown to inhibit reverse transcriptase, high doses of the drug injected intramuscularly have had significant next next in side offse. cant negative side-effects

Oral administration of the drug has been avoided because it was assumed that stomach acids would destroy its effect-

Koech's protocol, however, required the patients to retain a wafer or tablet of alpha interferon in the mouth for one or two minutes until it dissolved.

While no one has provided a While no one has provided a satisfactory explanation of why that method might work, Koech was quoted in Biotechnology Newswatch as conjecturing that the drug "may be bonding to receptors in the mouth and throat in lymphatic times the triggering an imtissue, then triggering an immune response that acts systematically.

Dr. Joseph Cummins of Amarillo Cell Culture Co., a co-author of Koech's forthcoming author of Koech's forthcoming article, told the newsletter that "there is a presumption that receptors in the oral pharynx can get biological response modifiers such as IFN (interferon), to the lymphatics and evoke an immune response," although this has not been proven.

Among the skeptics was Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institute of Allergy and Inectous Diseases (NIAID).

"It's most astounding and dificult to believe," said Fauci,

"but you always have to have an open mind."

Koech himself called his results "unbelievable." But Hassett pointed out that "if even half of what Koech reports in his uncontrolled study is correct, it's important to repeat the studies." to repeat the studies.

Koech's study has been criticized for several reasons besides its lack of placebo controls and the absence of a clearly understood mechanism of

action.

* Medical writer John James pointed out in his AIDS Treatment News newsletter that in an early report on 40 patients, nearly half had T4-cell counts above 700. This led James to suggest that even if they were HIV-antibody positive, the so-called early symptoms of AIDS might simply be due to other passing infections which they would have gotten over anyway with no treatment at

* In a related criticism, James points out that the remarkable increases in T4-cell counts could simply be the result of someone's enter-ing the clinical study when they were ill, which could have temporarily depressed their T4-cell count, which then rebounded spontaneously as they recovered.

* A third criticism was based on a report of an expanded version of the study involving about 100 patients. While Koech claimed that every one of the patients achieved a remission of symptoms, a chart based on the study published by the New York Native and apparently based on one in The Weekly Review, a popular Kenyan newsmagazine, revealed a precipitous drop in the number of people remaining in the study. While the study began with 101 patients, at week two there were 74 pa-tients, at week four 48 patients, and at week six only 26 pa-

* Another criticism involves *Another criticism involves Koech's claim that II of his IOI patients "deseroconverted," meaning that they became free of HIV antibodies. What that might mean, if true, is unclear. Biotechnology Newswatch incorrectly reports that a Western Blot test found them free also of the virus itself. The Western Blot, however, is another test for antibodies. It does not reveal the presence or absence of HIV itself.

According to office manager Chrystal Shelton of Amarillo Cell Culture Co., that firm will be conducting similar trials in Britain, the Philippines and Thailand.

Friday

nearly \$250,000 for Bay Area AIDS organizations in the Sixth Annual AIDS Bike-A-

Primary Endorsements

Next Tuesday is Primary Day. For those who have asked, here are my recommendations

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Thon earlier this month. The proceeds will be divided among 15 Bay Area AIDS service organizations. This year's denations bring the total

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Project 10

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alloted speaking time had ended.

Tom Ammiano, a gay SFSUD teacher, whose 10-year-old daughter attends a San Francisco public school, criticized the religious speakers for their unequivocal condemnation of lesbians and gays and the proposed resource center.

"One doesn't learn to be gay. One learns to be straight, which may be the origin of the verb 'to hate," Ammiano said.

Ammiano's comments, like the comments of other speakers, were greeted with hoots and hostile catcalls and placard waving from the crowd.

At one point, gay members of the audience were chided by Board Member Sedonia Wilson, who said that the district had a policy of not using epithets and that they should stop accusing people in the audience of being neo-Nazis.

"I sat in that room listening to hours and hours of comments from so-called Christians calling us abnormal, immoral, and telling us that we were all going to burn in hell. The committee's response was to tell the lesbians and gay people not to use the words 'Nazi' or 'neo-Nazis'. That it was offensive," said Jean Harris, an aide to Supervisor Harry Britt. "What they really want is to have gay people eliminated. If that's not Nazism, I don't know what it is."

Parents and supporters of



Dr. Paul Cameron, who believes AIDS is transmitted in the air, was present at Tuesday's School board meeting.

lesbian and gays also spoke in favor of the program.

"I fear for the future of our youth if Project 10 doesn't pass," said Laura Segal, a member of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.

Segal spoke movingly of the difficulty her son, now 23, had

as a gay student in high school. Her son did not come out to her until he was 19.

About 70 speakers testified before the committee. Each was allotted 90 seconds.

Following the testimony, the curriculum committee voted to pass the recommendation



Jessea Greenman (standing) counters fundamentalists at Project 10 hearing. (Photo: Rick Gerharter

on to a full Board of Education

On June 12 the board will consider three proposals: — The Denebeim resoution, which calls for a full-time staff person to operate the lesbian and gay resource center, which would provide information, counseling and drop-in services to lesbian, gay and bisexual students. —The Cortines proposal, authored by Superintendent Ramon Cor-

tines, which would create a a half-time staff position and locate the proposed office in the Health Resource Office. Participation in the program would depend on parental permission. —The Kopf resolution, which calls for the superintendent to investigate and evaluate the need for programs that address the dropout rate in the district.

A meeting place will be announced at a later date.

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KGO-AM to Receive Gay Input

One of the few practical FCC rules and regulations to survive the deregulation frenzy of the Reagan era is #73.3526A8. This section requires broad-casters to identify programs that have provided their sta-tion's "most significant treat-ment of community issues" during the preceding three-month period.

This list is one means of justifying to the FCC that the broadcaster operates in the public interest.

In order to determine what issues should be given "signifi-cant treatment," news and pubcant treatment; news and pub-lic affairs directors attend Community Leader Ascertain-ment Meetings. The Northern California Broadcaster's Asso-ciation schedules two such meetings a month in San Fran-cisco. Attendance is voluntary, but most stations send reprebut most stations send repre sentatives at one time or another.

The purpose of the meetings is to give broadcasters an op-portunity to meet various community leaders and learn their perspectives. A different radio or television station hosts each meeting; its news or public af-fairs director chooses a gener-al theme, and chooses which community representatives (normally six) to invite.

The leaders are asked to discuss three major concerns of their constituents and how the media can better address them. In addition, they are asked to identify three topics of broader concern to residents of the area (i.e., crime, the homeless, transportation, etc.).

Based on these interviews, stations then produce public affairs programming in an attempt to address these issues.

Conference

sure that only paid delegates and appropriately badged attendees can get into the conference proper. While ACTUP is free to buy admissions, the \$500 price tag will likely keep the number of protesters manageable. Large public spaces outside of the Moscone Center will be made available for prowill be made available for protesters.

"Our hope is that people will make their point and then allow things to proceed." said van Gorder. "Constant disrup-tion would only further the problem [of not getting AIDS research done]."

The conference is organized into four tracks: Basic Science, Clinical Science, Epidemiology and Prevention, and Social Science and Policy.

There is also some time scheduled for questions and discussion, as opposed to the previous practice of straightforward, lecture-style presentations with no opportunity for input from the audience. input from the audience

The information at the conference will be less "cutting edge" than many would expect, as all potential presentations had to be submitted six months ago. For example there will be no reports on such high-profile treatments such as Compound Q or Oral Inter-

Even so, the International Conference — this year's no less than before — remains the most important annual AIDS research event.

It is apparent that one of the reasons there are so few pro-grams concerning lesbians and gays is that our community has been left out of the ascertainment process.

Since 1988, GLAAD/SFBA has reviewed the public files and ascertainment records of five radio stations and one tele-vision station in the Bay Area. We found that non-AIDS ascer-tainments with lesbian and gay leaders were nearly non-

This lack of initiative on the part of broadcasters to ascerpart of broadcasters to ascer-tain the needs of the lesbian and gay community is com-pounded by the fact that since deregulation, there has been a general, nationwide decrease in the amount of public affairs programming, estimated at 50 necreent. percent.

Also, the industry has redefined public affairs so that now local television stations claim Geraldo, Oprah and A Current Affair as part of their public affairs commitment.

In meetings between GLAAD/SFBA and ABC's KGO radio, the Bay Area's dominant AM station, concer-

ning their airing of Rush Limbaugh, the general failure of the industry to ascertain the concerns of the lesbian and gay community was raised.

KGO's management has agreed to commit its May 30 community ascertainment meeting exclusively to lesbian and gay men's issues, a first in the memory of local activists.

Organizations invited to this Organizations invited to this meeting include the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Community United Against Violence, Black and White Men Together, the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, Operation Concern and GLAAD/SFBA.

We are requesting that all Bay Area "host" stations regularly include lesbian and gay leaders in future ascertainment meetings regardless of

GLAAD urges organiza-tions across the country to be-come actively involved in the community ascertainment process. Contact the news and public affairs directors of your local broadcasters and ask to be included.

GLAAD/SFBA is more than a media watchdog. We are also

concerned with lesbian and gay visibility. As always, we provide the information you need to take action.

Project 10

The following was written by GLAAD/SFBA Co-Chair Jessea Greenman.

Project 10 is a successful counseling program for gay and lesbian youth in the Los Angeles School District. A San Francisco Board of Education member has proposed such a program here.

But Superintendent Ramon Cortines is opposed, saying, "We have to be very, very careful about enticing young people as it relates to their sexual orientation."

GLAAD urges you to contact Cortines directly. Short letters are preferable to calls. Write to: Superintendent Cortines, SFUSD Administration, 135 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, Administration Corticological States tive Office Number: 565-9000. Superintendent's Office: 241-6121.

Then, contact the four board members not yet in favor of Project 10. One more vote is needed to ensure passage. Write to: Fred Rodriguez, board president, Myra Kopf, Rosario Anaya, Sodonia

Wilson, SFUSD Board of Education, 135 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. Board Office: 241-6493.

You may also wish to write You may also wish to write letters in support and appreciation to the three board members already in favor of Project 10: Libby Denebeim, Joanne Miller and Leland Yee, SFUSD Board of Education, 135 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. Board Office: 2416403 241-6493.

The final board vote on Project 10 is scheduled for the board's meeting on Tuesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the Geary Children's Center, 20 Cook St.

Gay Film Historian Vito Russo will speak at GLAAD/ SFBA's June 17 meeting. Mark your calendar; details later.

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This report was compiled by Ben Carlson.



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Iran

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is the anti-vice culture." Musavi-Ardebili told his audi-

News of an official extermination campaign against Iranian homosexuals was first published Jan. 22 by syndicated U.S. newspaper columnist Jack Anderson, who said the crackdown began on New Year's Day following meetings between Iranian Chief Justice Morteza Moghtadai and lower officials.

Moghtadai reportedly told the officials that "the religious punishment for the despicable act of homosexuality is death for both parties,"and detailed five execution options: "be-headed by a sword," "stoned to death," "thrown down from a death, thrown down from a height such as a mountain or tall building," "die under the rubble of a wall demolished on their head" or "burned alive."

Anderson's column was based on shortwave broadcasts and sources inside Iran, he

At that time, George Malleck, U.S. State Department deputy public affairs adviser for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs, said: "If it was on the radio, it's probably true Thes reports have come." true. Those people have com-mitted so many grievous offenses against common decency, you shouldn't be surprised that this is just one more group of people who have been chosen for the regime's ire. They kill lots of people for lots of reasons, none of which make lots of sense."

Hoover

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symptom status," the report

Critics say that not only are there intra-agency power struggles and territorial disputes, but that the agency 's inefficiency means that people with AIDS and at risk for HIV disease aren't getting served adequately.

The Little Hoover Commission agreed calling the pro-cedure of funding communitybased organizations "cumbersome and costly."

Because of the complexity of the process, many counties spend hundreds of thousands of dollars administering funds. The study documents that with only \$575,000 in grants, Monterey County spends \$250,000 to administer them. With \$1.5 million in grants, Santa Clara County has a full time staff of over five people to administer them.

The Black Coalition on AIDS and people of color throughout the state have been saying the same thing for years. The state Office of AIDS lacks authority when it comes Hoover report only reiterates things we've been saying for some time. There's a lot of work to be done," said Brandy Moore, chair of the BCOA.

The report documented that contracts are consistently delayed and the county Boards of Supervisors receive contracts for signatures six to eight months into the contract year, resulting in cash flow problems for agencies and problems for agencies and disruption — or lack of services — for clients.

"It's longstanding criticism," said Rene Durazzo, San Francisco AIDS Foundation Director of Public Policy. "The community-based organizations have had to deal with it,

because we rely on them for funds."

According to Durazzo, a perfect example of the lack of coordination and bureaucratic snafus within the SOA is the recent incident involving the SFAF Tagalog Hotline.

"You have the AIDS Office decide to put \$40,000 into a service and then six months later decide to discontinue it and throw away the \$40,000,"

The Little Hoover Commission recommended that the Legislature give the state Office of AIDS authority as the lead AIDS agency within the state and should be the source of all funding for state proof all funding for state programs dealing with AIDS.

It also recommended that: Counties should be required to produce AIDS service plans, in consultation with community-based groups; The Office of AIDS act as technical adviser in developing, monitoring and seeking community input into such plans; Office of AIDS grants procedure be streamlined to reduce administrative costs. The report also recommended the state auditor general recommend new grants procedures if the office fails to do so in a timely manner. A list of goals should be developed with timelines for the California AIDS Leadership Commit-tee. Critics have charged that the committee overrepresents the state bureaucracy and underrepresents CBOs and affected populations. The Department of Health and Human Services should formulate and report to the Leg-islature a timeline and budget for recommendations in the state AIDS Strategic Plan. The plan was developed by the Leadership Committee.

The report was sent to Gov. George Deukmejian, and members of the state Senate and Assembly.

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AIDS Briefs

Drug Successfully Treats Herpes

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Herpes simplex virus infection, a common and often painful disorder in AIDS patients, can be controlled successfully with the use of the antiviral drug foscarnet, UC San Francisco researchers have found. The most effective therapy for HSV has been the antiviral drug acyclovir. However, an increasing number of AIDS patients with HSV have developed a resistance to acyclovir and physicians have been searching for alternatives. UCSF researchers reported the treatment of 26 AIDS patients who had acyclovir-resistant HSV infections with intravenous foscarnet. All 26 had been given a course of acyclovir therapy before receiving foscarnet and all had failed to improve. Twentyone, or 81 percent, had a good response to treatment with foscarnet and 19 had complete healing of their HSV lesions, said Sharon Safrin, MD, UC San Francisco assistant clinical professor of medicine and epidemiology at the UCSF-affiliated San Francisco General Hospital. The study was published in the June 1990 issue of the Journal of Infectious Diseases.

Interfaith Event During Conference

A unique interfaith event will be held in San Francisco for the delegates of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS and delegates of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS and the Bay Area community at 8 p.m. on June 21 in Grace Cathedral on Nob Hill. "A Celebration of Life" is sponsored by the San Francisco Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, the Episcopal Diocese of Califormia's Commission on AIDS, Integrity/SF, and Catholic Charities' AIDS Services Division. It is an opportunity for people to reaffirm the resilience of life in the HIV epidemic. Weaving together stories and music from a variety of spiritual traditions, the program will be participatory and interactive. For more information, call 861-5690.

East Bay Bereavement Group

Vesper Hospice is offering a grief support group especially for the gay and lesbian community. This pilot program is one of the first groups of its kind in the East Bay. It will primarily serve, but is not limited to, people who have lost loved ones to AIDS. The group deals with grief and healing after the death of a loved ones.

AIDS Profiteering

That with all of the big bucks being thrown around for the research and treatment of AIDS, search and treatment of AIDS, the issue of profiteering — making excessive profits off of others' misery — inevitably comes up. When so much is being spent by so many people, and such a large proportion of us are descerate, there is no us are desperate, there is no way to avoid some rip-offs. So the only real question is: Who are the profiteers?

The first place our mainstream society always looks for profiteers is among the fringes, the alternative practitioners. It so happens that the AIDS treatment community has an awful lot of alternative practitioners mostly. ternative practitioners, mostly because the mainstream had so little to offer to PWAs in the early days of the epidemic. The assumption is that various snake-oil hucksters are selling marked-up vitamins and worthless nostrums to distracted

But I don't really see much evidence that this is happening. Alternative practitioners who target their services to HIVers generally offer them on a sliding scale and at no more than fair market rate.

The buyers clubs that have formed to provide herbs, extracts, and non-prescription drugs as treatments for HIV typically offer them at much lower prices than you pay in mainstream health-food stores, which typically charge gullible yuppies about three times what the stuff goes for in Walgreens.

Of course, hard-core adherents of mainstream medical technology consider all alternative approaches to be phony and therefore in-herently a rip-off, but this is a matter of opinion. Even if some of these approaches don't do much, at least they rarely do as much harm as Western medical technology when it backfires.

The HIV treatment underground is another popular target for skeptics. Many unapproved treatments for AIDS, such as Passive Immunotherapy (PATH) and Compound Q, are available only through unofficial sources. sources

Even some approved and/or experimental drugs can be purchased "underground"; for a long time there was a thriv-ing street market in AZT, and the street is still pretty much the only place to get ddC on the West Coast. Certainly this set-up offers opportunities to milk the desperate?

But again, I don't see much evidence that undue profits are being made. PATH and Q providers have been left alone by the federal government because they are strictly non-profit operations.

Life Over Profit

The fact of the matter is that most of the people involved are HIVers fighting for their lives rather than a profit. The federal government isn't anxious to take on the role of persecuting — ah, that is prosecuting — such an obviously altruistic growd.

And the MDs involved could easily make bigger bucks do

ing plastic surgery without any of the hassle of fighting AIDS and without any legal risk.

Moving toward mainstream we can pick up the charges of Ken Martin, a fre-quent letterwriter to the local media who denounces mental-health practitioners for scheming to skim off AIDS service and treatment dollars for social services a psychotherapy for HIVers.

And indeed, San Francisco has a large AIDS service community, mostly funded with City dollars.

However, as a person who makes at least some of his meager living off of these bucks I can tell you that there was never a less promising prospect for profiteers. Any AIDS-related work is "burn-out" track and, relative to other fields of practice. notoriously fields of practice, notoriously underpaid. Most of the AIDS service organizations are heavily volunteer dependent, and what paid positions they do have are funded month to month and have zero job

You get more money, easier work and more job security

working as a "counselor" for the Jenny Craig weight loss clinics than you would work-ing for most AIDS service or-ganizations. If undue profit is what you're seeking, looking for work as a social service worker for HIVers is just about the dumbest move you could make.

The Real Profiteers

If you want to find the real AIDS profiteers, you have to aim your sights much higher, and look at the scientists at the and look at the scientists at the top of the hierarchy. While PWAs might not have much money, the federal govern-ment does, and is always will-ing to let researchers with the right credentials rob the taxpayer blind.

For example, Burroughs-Wellcome has yet to tell anyone what it costs to proanyone what it costs to pro-duce AZT, the only approved treatment for AIDS. We can only assume that they are charging a magnificent mark-up for the stuff, because if they weren't, they would tell us the costs and dismiss all the criticism once and for all. The federal government on the one hand defends Wellcome's right to maintain a monopoly on the drug, and on the other pays for much of the AZT consumed. What a scam!

Another likely scam is oral interferon. You have read the newspaper reports about miraculous results with oral interferon in a trial in Africa. The April 20 issue of AIDS Treatment News reveals some interesting facts about this interesting facts about this stuff. Aside from the remark-able lack of experience or exable lack of experience or expertise in treating HIVers on the part of the experimenters (between them the four key scientists can document having worked with a grand total two PWAs.) The article demonstrates a very suspicious conflict of interest. Dr. Joseph Cummins, one of the authors, is president of Amarillo Cell Culture, which holds exclusive worldwide rights to oral use of interferon. interferon.

The widely publicized re-port from Africa, even if it later turns out to be totally faked, has no doubt already made Cummins big bucks in the form of sky-rocketing stock values. Personally I'm skep-tical of this stuff, although I'm told that oral interferon is used routinely by HIVers in New York City. If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is; when there's such an obvious profit motive involved I'm doubly doubtful. Well, soon enough the replication trials will be under way and

we'll get to the bottom of it, but I expect that we'll find a profiteering scam rather than a

Such AIDS profiteering as there is goes on at the highest levels, not the lowest. Presi-dent Reagan did his best to protect us against welfare cheats, and then let his rich buddies rob billions from the government in the form of \$7,000 toilet seats for the military, phony loans from HUD, and cheesy S&L deals.

If you want to find AIDS profiteers, don't go looking at acupuncturists and social workers; instead just read the list of major exhibitors at the upcoming international con-

No Inspiration

Gary Trudeau has finally killed off his only gay character, a PWA who dies making witty Doonsbury-style jokes to the end. A major daily quoted a representative from an AIDS organization saying that they felt Trudeau's portrayal of Andy Lippincott showed many people what it's like to die of AIDS.

I sure hope that no one really believes that this is what death from AIDS looks like. I was put off and insulted by (Continued on page 27)

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Robert "Bobby" Bove



in Sebastopol on May 7, 1990, after struggle with AIDS. With him were his lover, Tim, and his caring friends, Don Gayle, Cindy Andrea and Cindy,

Bobby's work Bobby's work in the hospitality business took him from his hometown in Vermont on a circuit through Stowe, Provincetown, Nantucket, Miami, the Caribbean and finally to California, where he worked as manager of the Brothel Hotel in San Francisco and hotel manager of the Woods Resort at the River.

Finally settling down to domestica-tion in a home in Sebastopol with Tim, Bobby worked as executive chef at the Santa Rosa Holiday Inn when not ten-ding his large garden, enjoying the out-door life and spreading magic among his many friends.

Bobby's 45-year journey went full cir-cle. After a large gathering of friends bid goodbye to his body in a service in Sebastopol, he was returned to the arms of his loving and accepting family in Vermont and his body laid to rest near a pond, at the base of a young maple tree. We love you, Bobby.

Kenneth W. Baldwin Nov. 16, 1954-May 10, 1990



brother and their families, who all reside in North Carolina. His grandmother, Granny Baldwin, and his niece, Jennifer, remained closest to his heart.

He will be greatly missed by his former lovers, David and John, his loyal and loving friend, Archie, his devoted roommate, Mary, his West Coast mothers, Liz and Kathy; and his champion Afghan hound, Gabriella.

Ken wished to express his sincerest gratitude and love to his doctors, caregivers and friends, who helped and comforted him through his illness.

We will miss his careful heart, his giv-ing spirit, his North Carolina drawl, his Southern gentleman manners, his peach cobblers and Granny's chocolate cake.

Godsneed

Roger Puta



Twining, depart-ed this life. Roger had been diagnosed with diagnosed with AIDS a year and a half ago, but was really only sick for the last three weeks.

Roger, who was president of Scenic Hyway Tours, will always be known for his love of trains and the wonderful slides he took of them. Prior to joining Scenic Hyway Tours, Roger was employed by the Western Pacific Railroad. He was a graduate of the University of Illinois and received his master's degree from Northwestern.

He is survived by his lover, Richard, his parents, Erwin and Angela Puta of Naperville, Ill.; his sister Pamela Ulery also of Naperville; and his sister Carolyn Brown of Norway, Michigan.

Donations in memory of Roger may be made to the AIDS Emegency Fund or Project Open Hand.

Tandy Belew

Feb. 14, 1948-May 3, 1990

As the spring's first dandelions released their wispy, seeded plumes in-



Belew released his spirit into the fresh morning sky May 3. Tandy completed his seventh year of living with AIDS with the

has life.

Tandy's goal had been to make a significant contribution to ending the AIDS epidemic. A year ago, after closing his design business in San Francisco and writing a book, 7, as a fundraising piece for Visual Aid, Tandy volunteered to be one of the first to test Compound Q as a new AIDS treatment. For Tandy it was not a cure but through For Tandy it was not a cure, but through him much has been learned. After mov-ing to Ashland, he spoke out on televiion for the needs for AIDS services

Tandy was a founding member of the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Tiwrling Corps, in which he played baritone horn and for which he designed most of the posters and concert programs for the first seven years. His creative, award-winning

design work survives him in many forms: logos for Shanti, Deluxe, Gym-boree, Zephyr and Herth Realty, as well as on the packages for Boudin, Henry Weinhard's Private Reserve, San Fran-cisco Ice Cream and hundreds of items by Levi-Straus

by Levi-Strauss.

Tandy will be remembered most for his very large spirit and the integrity and honesty which he brought to his work and his relationships. Tandy spent his last weeks surrounded by family and the beauty of his new Oregon home in a meadow full of birds, blossoms and trees, visited by deer, elk and beautiful sunsets. He is survived by his lovers Rick and Gary, his mother Fern, sister Mouna and brothers Glen, Tom and Bill.

Tandy attended his inner source, which infused his work with creativity and his relationships with love, humor, warmth and magic. His dedication to support artists with AIDS to continue their self-expression led him to support Visual Aid, which provides art materials to artists with life-threatening illnesses. Donations are encouraged: illnesses. Donations are encouraged: Visual Aid, 530 Bush St., Suite 403, San Francisco, CA 94108.

A festival of Friends of Tandy will be held in San Francisco on June 23, 4 p.m. at the John Sims Center for the Performing Arts, 1519 Mission St. For information call Rick at (503) 482-5753.

Dominique J.M. Aguettaz Sept. 12, 1958-May 10, 1990

At 7 a.m., as the full mo



May 10, 1990
Ill moon slowly slipped out of sight, so did the life from Dominique Aguettaz. While his longtime lover Douglas sat holding his hand, Dominique let go from the trials of this world. this world

After an almost two-year struggle with AIDS and countless hospital stays at SFGH, the peace and freedom of life after death was a welcome release from the painful confines of the disease that had become a corrowful reality during his last sorrowful reality during his last

Dominique v Paris, France. He arrived in San Francisco in 1987 to live with his lover of four years. His strength and willpower throughout his battle with AIDS was something to be admired by all. His angelic beauty, kind demeanor and sweet smile were a joy to everyone who et smile were a joy to everyone who a part of his life.

The care he received was appreciated The care he received was appreciated with special thanks to Cathryn, Michael and Marie, and the entire staff of Ward 86. Also, the many kindly workers of SA, Shanti and Ellipse: Kitty, Fonzie, Kevin, Ed, Mesha and Maria.

His ashes were returned to France, where a religious memorial service was held May 18 by his parents, Gilbert and Colette Aguettaz.

"I love you for sentimental reasons.

Brian Keith Corbell March 21, 1962-May 5, 1990

Brian died due to AIDS complica-tions in the care of Billy Russo, Assun-ta and other volunteers at Rubyhouse in Roseburg, Ore.

Brian stayed until the last few months in his mother Dorothy's care as well as the care of his brothers, Ricky Corbell and Adam Chavez.

A tall, big-shouldered boy with a handsome face, he wore a prom gown to his Junior Prom. The summer between his junior and senior year, he lived at Magdalene Farm with the drag queens at the then home of the rural gay journal RFD. A week before graduation, homophobes broke his jaw, it steeled him for the world of opportunities that lay ahead for a queer high school graduate in an ugly industrial splash of lumber mills and railroad yards in a ruggedly beautiful, mountainous landscape.

Brian did her novitiate in Wolf Creek, Ore., in the Religious Sisters of Mercy and Vengeance order under Reverend Mother Species of Crow in 1980-81.

In 1981, Brian moved into a gay commune in Seattle and worked in a gay owned computer services company.

Brian was a standard bearer for queens who are significant members of their communities. He stood up to a good fight like Michael the Ar-changel of God who carried a sword.

Brian left us in great pain and with isions of extraordinary spiritual bliss.

Michael L. Scott

Michael L. Scott in Alameda on May 23, age 44, longtime resident of the Bay

Survived by his parents, Dorothy and Henry Scott of Camp Verde, Ariz.; brothers, Mark and Bruce Scott of Phoenix, Ariz. Longtime companion of Sam Bittner.

Michael was administrator for Office Specialist of San Francisco, employee of Woodward Clyde Geophysical Con-sultants, and was assigned to their pro-ject in Egypt. Michael served in the US Navy as a translator

He was a good cook, lover of the arts, enjoyed lively conversation.

He was remembered by relatives and friends in the garden of his home on Saturday, May 26.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be ent to the Shanti Foundation of San

Bowlers Aid Relief Finds No Takers

by Will Snyder

In these times, every bit of financial help is precious for many people who have life-threatening health situations. Because of this, one relatively new organization is puzzled over the lack of response to its offer to give money to people who need it.

San Francisco Bowlers Emergency Aid Relief has been quietly collecting more been quietly collecting more than \$20,000 during bowling nights for gay and lesbian leagues at Japantown Bowl and Park Bowl. With its incorporation certified by the state of California, SF BEAR has been sitting in empty meeting rooms at Park and JTown for the past two months waiting. the past two months, waiting to give away money to needy bowlers or former bowlers.

But, according to SF BEAR board member Carol Hull, not one person has applied for any money

"We've tried to give away money for two months," Hull said. "I just know there are people out there who need help. They just don't seem to know about what we're do-ing." ing.

And that seems to be the Most everyone who bowls in gay and lesbian leagues at Japantown and Park are familiar with SF BEAR. If bowling fees haven't automatically included a small fee for the organization, SF BEAR has passed around a donation jar

Yet, Hull said there seemed to be very puzzling road-blocks to the information get-ting to the right people.

"I know of a guy who quit bowling at Japantown during the last year because he was sick," Hull said. "I approached one of his friends who still bowls here and asked why the other guy hadn't applied. He just sort of shrugged. I asked him why he hadn't asked his friend and he said his friend will get it if he wants to, but he wasn't going out of his way to urge him to do this."

SF BEAR will give out funds to bowlers who have bowled since the organization was formed roughly 1½ years ago. According to Hull, trying to reach former bowlers such s the aforementioned one has

been a sticky problem, whether it has been by going through friends or official bowling organizations.

"We tried to get addreses of former bowlers from the San Francisco Bowling Associa-tion," Hull explained, "but Hal Antrim (the secretary-treasurer of the SFBA) said we'd have to write to them with a proposal, they'd have to O.K. it, and then send it to the national American Bowling Congress in Greendale, Wisc., to get approval.

Not only is there a fear of perhaps invading privacy, but Hull said there was another reason the SFBA is reluctant to make information such as bowlers' telephone numbers and addresses available to an ganization such as SF BEAR.

"They're fearful of the information ending up in the hands of other bowling cen-ters who might try and steal the bowlers for another house.

Hull said gossipmongers have sent back another reason why there hasn't been a rush to get money from her group.

"Word is out that our information forms are intimidating," she said, "but I can't see this. We require applicants to fill out two one-page forms, which have pretty basic stuff like name, address and source of income.

"Another thing we require," she added, "is an entitlement letter from Social Security and General Assistance, showing that they're paying the person a certain amount of money. We can't give out any money without documentation. We might get audited."

'A person who applies must have less than \$1,070 for a monthly income," Hull said. The yearly limit per bowler is \$500. "While that may not be a great deal of money," Hull said, "it could pay the rent for one month, pay for PG&E many times, pay for medicine, or maybe even pay for bowl-

SF BEAR meets at Japantown and Park Bowl once a month to meet with applicants. For more information, call Hull at 864-4467.



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PROPOSITION 113 **VOTE YES** CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE

Would make the chiropractors all register on their birthdays rather than January 1, as is now the custom. It would stop this logjam created at the beginning of the year. The bill also raises fines and jail terms for offenses. The increase in fines should more than offset any additional costs in administration. Vote YES

PROPOSITION 114 VO MURDER OF A PEACE OFFICER

This would expand the definition of peace officers. There are, sufficient laws on the books to handle murder; we don't need to expand death penalty cases. Most cases of murder now are life sentences without parole. Let's keep it that way. Vote NO.

PROPOSITION 115 VOTE NO CRIMINAL LAW

This is the most repressive bill on the current ballot. It is, of course, endorsed by Senator Pete Wilson. Don't forget that in November. This bill has so many strange turns that it could erode all sorts of laws on the books. Among some of the laws to be fouled up would be confidentiality of medical records and a woman's right to privacy. This proposition could upset the pro-choice decision here in California, besides causing massive logjams in the criminal court system. It's just plain bad law. Vote NO on Prop. 115.

PROPOSITION 116 VOTE Y RAIL TRANSPORTATION BOND ACT

This proposition calls for a bond issue of \$1.99 billion to help overhaul and rebuild the state's commute rail lines, to create specific new rails and to upgrade existing rail services. All are urgently needed in this state, and we think everyone should vote for this proposition. Vote YES on Prop. 116.

PROPOSITION 117 VOTE YES WILDLIFE PROTECTION

This proposition would create an annual wildlife fund of \$30 million to help protect some of our state's endangered wildlife. Included are mountain lions, deer and waterfowl. It would also help to create and maintain new wildlife habitats. Vote YES:

PROPOSITION 118 VOTE NO LEGISLATURE REAPPORTIONMENT, **ETHICS REFORM**

It would be very difficult to remove politics from any reapportionment initiative, and this just doesn't address this issue
completely. In every state whoever controls the legislature every
ten years gerrymanders the state according to their own party
lines. This proposition, along with its companion piece, Prop. 119,
does not deserve your vote. This issue should be resolved five years
from now in the middle of the decade, instead of when the census is going an That way reapportionment could be discussed and sus is going on. That way reapportionment could be discussed and worked on for five years down the road. However, with our "don't shake the boat" legislators, we don't see that happening. Vote NO on Prop. 118.

PROPOSITION 119 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Another twist in the same game as Prop. 118. Common Cause is against both of these propositions, and we agree with them. Vote NO on Prop. 119

PROPOSITION 120 VOTE NO **NEW PRISON CONSTRUCTION BONDS**

Did you know we have prisons that are brand new in this state with no inmates in them? This is another bond issue to build more prisons but which doesn't allow realistic funds to maintain them. More prisons are not the answer. Vote NO on Prop. 120.

PROPOSITION 121 HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES BOND

We urge a No vote once again on the building of new buildings or buying of new sites when we are not supplying sources of income to maintain these new facilities. We would like to see all the older buildings upgraded and cleaned up as the bond suggests. This still won't supply sufficient funds to maintain or manage them after the initial cleanup. Vote NO on Prop. 121.

VOTE YES **PROPOSITION 122** EARTHQUAKE SAFETY BONDS

This proposition would take care of the necessary cleanup and upgrading as suggested in Prop. 121, without the purchase of new building sites or building new schools without maintenance funds. Vote YES on Prop. 122.

PROPOSITION 123 VOTE NO **SCHOOL FACILITIES BONDS**

This is just another band-aid measure to shore up school buildings but does not address maintenance funding for our painfully underfunded school system. We would like to see monies for books, teachers, new programs and ongoing maintenance for all students in our school system. The state's school authorities have got to put out a firm proposal to address all these issues before we would recommend a Yes vote on this type of expensive financing. We would also like to know how much we have voted on in bond sales to schools in the last ten years — and how much we still owe for same. Vote NO on Prop. 123.

Gay Doctor

designed by Congress to put the federal government on a par with agencies that receive federal funding that can be sued directly."

"The agency took informa-tion that should have been completely confidential and used it in a way to hurt Dr. Doe economically and emotional-ly," said Legal Aid Society at-torney Jo Anne Frankfurt.

No employee who is fighting for life should be forced to fight for a job. No employer particularly our own government — should deem itself above the law in the use of confidential medical information.
The FBI's actions were were medically uninformed and morally reprehensible," she said in a statement.

said in a statement.

During the 1989 U.S. District
Court trial, medical specialists, including Dr. George Rutherford, then head of the San Francisco Office of AIDS for the San Francisco Department of Health, testified that there was no risk to the physician's oatlents, during onlysical patients during physical examinations.

HIV Watch

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Trudeau 's treatment of the topic from the beginning. It took him several months to get up the courage to even try to portray a PWA — all he showed was the tip of the nose, as though he was afraid to look AIDS in the face.

Of course Andy has no financial or treatment worries, and of course all he does is lie in bed and make jokes. There was no attempt to show how a person lives with AIDS at all, only a series of AIDS jokes that were all OK because they were put in the mouth of a PWA.

Thanks but no thanks, Trudeau. I have no doubt that some of your best friends are gay and/or PWAs, but all you have done is add to our culture's denial about death and AIDS.



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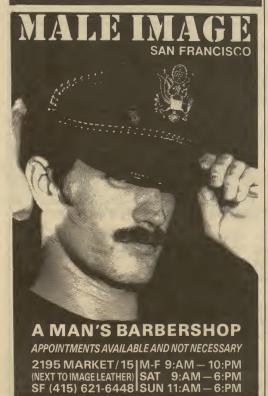
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STATE NEWS

Gays Outraged as Fundies Rally At California Capitol

"We're gonna take the land, brother Ed," Barbara J. Boggs, founder of California for Jesus, said into a walkie talkie, signaling the start a religious parade of "praise and prayer — not politics" at California's Capitol on May 19.

State Sen. Newton Russell of Glendale, a member of the Senate Joint Rules Committee, assisted the fundamentalists'

The tent, which was sizable, contained a platform, piano and at least 30 chairs and was attended 24 hours a day. Chanting, praying and people speaking and singing in tongues all day and night were part of the tent activity.

The Rev. Jerry Sloan, Lamb-da Community Fund Board president, and members of the gay/lesbian and Jewish com-munities opposed a California State Police permit that allow-ed a "prayer tent" to be placed on Capitol lawns for a full

Sloan was outraged, calling the tent a "tabernacle," and saying, "I wonder how many non-Christians feel welcome (on the Capitol grounds) or are not intimidated by that tabernacle.

"Its very presence at the Capitol makes it a political event," he said.

"Surely they don't expect the public to believe they're the public to believe they're not trying to impress the Legislature with their numbers and agenda. If they truly wanted to just have a worship service, they could have conducted it at any one of 500 churches in Sacramento. If they were expecting too large they were expecting too large a crowd, they could have had it at Cal Expo," Sloan said.

Men carrying huge crosses

Wysocki Campaign **Election Party**

The Paul Wysocki for City Council campaign has announced an election night parto the beheld at Club St. John, 170 W. St. John Street, in downtown San Jose on Tuesday, June 5 from 8 p.m. on. A food buffet and a no-host bar will be provided by the club.

All campaign workers, vol-unteers, contributors and the general public are invited to attend. There is no charge for the event. For more information, contact the campaign staff at (408) 297-3115.

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over their shoulders were ac-companied by others, arms upraised and speaking in tongues, along the paths of the Capitol grounds.

Gas powered barbecues, RVs, port-a-pots, tables set up to sell hot dogs and soft drinks for "donations," a child's wading pool full of ice lent a carnival, camp-out air to the proceedings.

Parade organizers, earlier in the week, estimated they ex-pected "at least 30,000 wor-shipers" to attend the parade and the prayer service on the Capitol's west steps. Early Sat-urday morning, Dee Enriques, an organizer from Southern California, dropped the ex-pected number to "about 6.000.

Actual parade participants numbered about 700 and about 400 to 500 stayed for the worship service

During the parade, a contingent of men and women from Bay Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue and Against Operation Rescue and Sacramento Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue marched alongside the parade and identified some parade participants and men who made physical and verbal attacks on them at abortion clinics.

Throughout the week and early Saturday, organizers and

participants reiterated their "no politics" stance and insisted the gathering was just "in prayer and praise of Jesus."

Organizers steadfastly refused to say who their speakers would be or whether legislawould be or whether legisla-tors would attend the event. They would only say that some "big names" were expected and referred to the Rev. Lonnie McCowan, an Oxnard pastor with a small, local television program as master of ceremo-

When the worship service began, speaker after speaker pointed to the prayer tent as "a victory" and declared it a "precedent-setting step in the beginning of this spiritual war-fare" as they attacked abortion policies in prayer. policies in prayer.

They described this as a "nation and a state awash in blood," and alluded to the "godless, hedonistic lifestyles of the unrighteous." People throughout the huge square raised their arms, prayed aloud and whirled about in ecstasy.

Organizers, undaunted by the low turnout, plan a similar event "in the Los Angeles area" within a few months.

They are then scheduled to go to state capitals across the nation, holding parades and services in each state — all a part of the master plan to "take

State Briefs

L.A. Dance-A-Thon Raises \$827,000

An estimated 3,500 people packed the Shrine Auditorium Ex-An estimatd 3,500 people packed the Shrine Auditorium Exposition Hall in Los Angeles April 22 to participate in the second annual AIDS Dance-a-thon. The event was a benefit for AIDS Project Los Angeles as well as Being Alive, Greater Los Angeles Hospice Foundation, and Shanti Foundation. "The Dance-a-thon raised the incredible sum of \$827,625," according to Craig Miller who along with Richard Zelnick produced the mega-dance event. Entertainment included such performers as Thelma Houston, Club Nouveau, Kenny Rankin, E.G. Daily, and two-time Grammy nominee Melissa Etheridge, who dazzled the crowd with her heartfelt performance. Dionne Warwick, Louie Anderson, Carol Kane and Ricki Lake came to offer their support and thanks to the participants. All money raised will directly fund programs that help men, women and children who are ly fund programs that help men, women and children who are living with HIV/AIDS which include mental health, housing, food, clothing, dental care, education and referrals.

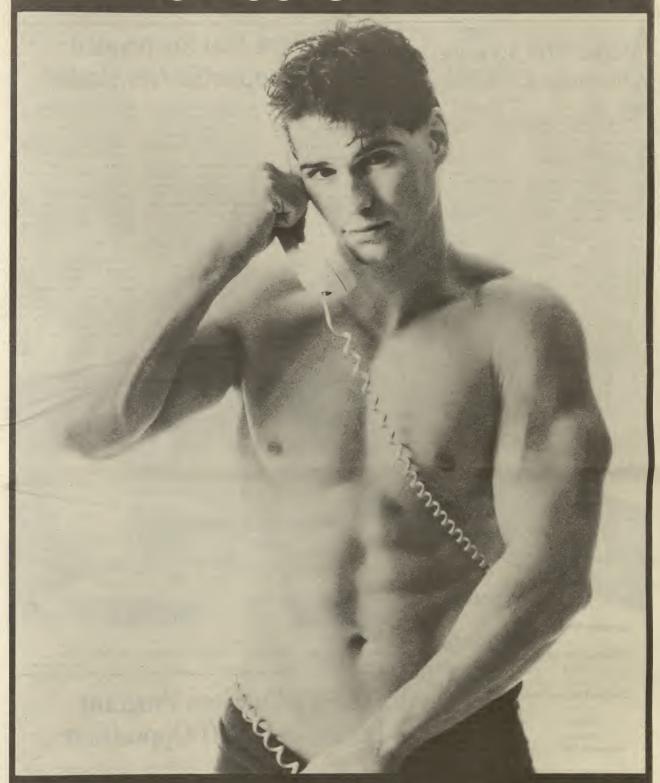
San Diego Gay Pride Festival

San Diego's "Look to the Future: A New Decade of Lesbian And Gay Pride" festival will take place on June 9-10. The parade will begin at noon on June 9 at 6th Avenue and Laurel (Balboa Park) with Fundi and Cynthia Lawrence Wallace as grand marshals. The rally will be held directly following the parade at the Organ Pavillion in Balboa Park with guest speakers Miriam Ben Shalom and Perry Watkins. The two-day festival will take place at the Old Navy Hospital (Park Boulevard & Presidents Way—Balboa Park. San Diego welcomes all out-of-towners and if you need accommodations or travel arrangements, please call San Balloa raik. Sail Diego Weitonies and myoderowness and m

LIFE to Sponsor Gay Rights Bill

The Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality Board of Direc-The Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality Board of Directors will sponsor legislation next year to protect lesbians and gay men against discrimination. Action was taken early in order to provide LIFE adequate lead time to fully prepare for the expected controversy surrounding the new bill. LIFE will work with legal experts and others to craft a bill that provides appropriate protections against discrimination, and begin expanding its existing network to ensure the broadest grass-roots participation possible. Success of the bill depends in large part on the ability of gay and lesbian citizens to make their presence and strength known to their state legislators, especially those legislators who claim that gays and lesbians do not live in their districts, Discussions have already begun with the Legislature districts. Discussions have already begun with the Legislature regarding hearings in the fall to collect empirical and anecdotal information about lesbian and gay discrimination.

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Greater Bay News

Marin AIDS Agency's Computer, Cash Stolen

by Keith Clark

Several thousand dollars worth of computer equipment and some emergency cash to help people with AIDS was stolen from a service agency in San Rafael on May 22.

Cheree Johnson, executive director of Bridge the Gap, reported that sometime between Friday evening and Tuesday morning, when the agency's offices opened for business, someone broke a door lock to get into the offices where the agency's computer, printer and telecommunications modem were located.

Also taken during the weekend theft was \$100 in cash the agency kept on hand for emergency aid to clients of the agency.

Johnson said the computer equipment was not insured against theft and that for the non-profit agency its loss "was a major one."

Police officials said another burglary had been reported at an office next door to Bridge the Gap on May 18, in which business equipment was also reported taken.

Bridge the Gap is a two-yearold agency that provides direct financial help to PWAs and PWARCs in Marin County. ▼

Santa Clara Frat Suspended Over Homophobic Newsletter

by Keith Clark

A popular straight fraternity that published a newsletter accused of being sexist, racist and homophobic has been suspended at Santa Clara University for at least the next four years, university officials announced on May 24.

Ironically it is the Lambda chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon, which has already been suspended by the national organization, that was placed on "immediate inactive status" by the university.

The Greek letter "Lambda" is widely associated with the gay rights movement in this country.

A statement issued by SCU Vice President James Briggs said the fraternity would not be recognized on campus before the 1993-94 school year.

The statement also indicated

that four leaders of Sigma Phi, the oldest and largest at SCU, had also been disciplined, although Briggs' office would not disclose the nature of the disciplinary action.

SCU's reaction to the fraternity newsletter is the toughest action the university has ever taken against any of the Greek groups since they have been allowed on campus.

The loss of university recognition means the fraternity cannot receive SCU funds and use campus facilities.

The original publication was filled with references to women's breast size and genitals, racial epithets and references to "fags" and "queers."

SCU President Paul Locatelli said the newsletter was "worse than merely offensive. It shows a flagrant disregard

for basic human dignity — something we at a Jesuit institution hold dear."

The Sigma Phi Epsilon newsletter was originally published in March and was supposed to have been distributed only to members of the fraternity.

When it was leaked to the larger student body by the girlfriend of one Sigma Phi member, however, the campus erupted into a furor over the publication.

Chris Riley, president of Sigma Phi's alumni board, said, "It is something that never should have been written and doesn't display the views and opinions that we feel as a fraternity. But we have to take responsibility for the fact that it was written by the fraternity as a group. We accept the penalty."



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Taste-Test

Judges taste entries in the National Velveeta Cheese Cookoff at the Spoiled Brat in Hayward on May 20. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

School's Condom Program Encounters Stiff Opposition

by Keith Clark

A Tamalpais High School program to distribute condoms appears to be headed toward an uncertain future because of the threat of a parental lawsuit, a task force appointed to study the program and testy rebuke from the president of the school board.

The condom distribution program, which has widespread support among students, was approved by the Mill Valley school's leadership team by a 14-1 vote earlier this month only to be stopped when a parent hired an attorney and threatened to sue the school if the plan went forward.

At the May 22 school board meeting, opponents of the pro-

gram heatedly raised the issue even though it was not on the board's agenda.

In response to the public pressure, the board ordered Superintendent Walter Buster to form a task force of health professionals, parents, students and school employees to study the issue.

School board President Dr. Richard Rozen also said the Tamalpais High leadership team's program "definitely jumped the gun" because it failed to include parental consent as part of the condom distribution program.

"It has to do with compliance with the board policy and with the [state] Education Code," Rosen said at the meeting. "They would have been acting without parental consent, and our policy explicitly says anything regarding sex — even just to talk about it — has to be done with parental consent."

Because the program was not on the board's agenda, Rozen would not allow the large number of opponents present to raise the issue for debate. The board did receive, however, petitions signed by some 600 of the school's 900 students in support of the program.

The creation of a task force to study the program, coupled with Rozen's criticism and the one-sided show of opposition at Tuesday's board meeting, make it virtually certain the program will not begin at the school this year.

Hoi Polloi Threatened

Antipodal Temptations? (A Vis-a-Vis Nose)

ercy! What's happenercy! What's happening in the upper echelons of the Imperial Star Empire? Opposite forces are afoot that seem to be aimed toward dividing and conquering hoi polloi (Note: it's redundant to write the hoi polloi because hoi means the)! But, before you go jumping to conclusions and circulating rumors, read on dear reader.

Besom-Bower "Birthing" (A "Renewing" Nose?)

ISE Imperial Crown ISE Imperial Crown Princess Kathy Heart just might be tempting fate or playing with fire on this one! She is presenting "A Brusharbor Revival, An Evening of Salvation" on Priday, June 8, at Big Mama's, 0.20 p.m.

The program is a little "iffy" but knowing Kathy you can bet your high-heel boots that Faith, Hope, Charity, Justice, Fortitude, Prudence and Temperance will be long ago and far, far away! Can you just imagine anything presented by Ms. Heart having anything to do with temperance?

Peccable Tenebrousness (An ''Ignoble'' Nose?)

ISE Imperial Crown Prince James just might be bending to the wonts of his alter ego. He the works of his after ego. He is presenting a function known as "Sinful Nights" at Bill's The Eagle, Saturday, June 9. (In this day and age perhaps it should be titled "Safe Sinful Nights"!) be titled "Safe Sinful Nights").
I'm not clear as to what will be
on the agenda, but you can probably bet the rent that Pride,
Covetousness, Lust, Anger,
Gluttony, Envy and Sloth will
play major roles for the evening's event. Yes, I know! Sloth just means laziness.

I can only surmise that both presentations will have the usual "show, 50/50 raffle, and fun" with the proceeds of the raffle and donations benefiting ISE Charity Account Fund.

Celleret Soiree (A "Reversing"? Nose)

(A "Reversing"? Nose)
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make-up and garments.

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Courier Dispatchments (A "Carrier" Nose?)

Adducing Ine: ACT UP/East Additiong Inc: ACT OFFLast Bay has a new and permanent meeting place at the First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 14th and Castro. Meetings are every Wednesday night at 7:30. For information call 420-8864.

By the way, Oakland City Council Budget Committee

voted 3-0 to appropriate "some funding" for AIDS. How much probably depends on how much Mayor Lionel Wilson's phone rings before June 12 (273-3141). We are asking people to call the mayor demanding \$200,000 for AIDS funding. (The City budget is \$434 million.)

Adducing 2wo: Dynasty Pro-uctions presents "The Live -Addicing Zwo: Dynasty Productions presents "The Live-R · Memorex Review; Juneteenth Celebration" a benefit for the AIDS Project of the East Bay. This review (Revue?) East Bay. This review (Revue?) is starring Llarii, Jakki, Anthony, Deborah, Dionne, Miranda, Deja and Company. It will be Sunday, June 17, 7 p.m., Club Bella Napoli, 2330 Telegraph, Oakland. There is a suggested donation of \$5.

"We are primarily performers for profit; however, this is just the first of many benefit performances we will sponsor.

'Also, I'd like to add that with reasonable notice we are always available for fundrais-ers — except during our weekly Sunday performance at Club Bella Napoli. Sincerely, Llarii Overshown."

Adducing 3hree: "P.S. I'm still counting and I can smile at that!! Love always, Cathy

Olla -Podrida (A ''Medley'' Nose)

A former board member of THAT house for AIDS patients is having his wages garnished. One organization was thinking about raising some money to assist, but it would have been in violation of its have been in violation of its constitution/bylaws. It was suggested that the "Imperial" organization of the county get involved with a "special" fundraiser. A laudable idea but how's this for a "sudden thought": Why doesn't the person whose name was associated with THAT house host a fundraiser? He was so good at getting funds to create and establish the house. Why can't/won't he hold a fundraiser to pay back the back rent instead of letting innocent individuals pay off the debt?

My countdown continues and I smile; Cathy Heart is counting and can smile at that! The number 12 does (dozen?) have a nice even ring to it. Can the pins and flyers and "whatevers" be in the not-too-distant future? If the Shadow knows, he/she surely isn't talking -

In celebration of the opening of Turf Club's patio, for this season, a limited-edition T shirt is on sale. It was designed by BJ and is available from any bartender — including Frumpy — at the Turf Club.

The Alameda County Parade Contingent will be sponsoring a Bake Sale/Polish Auction at Big Mama's on Wednesday, June 6, 7:30 p.m. Hey! Check that rumor. There is no truth to the story that THAT cake has been bought and redousted back at every and re-donated back at e auction. It just looks as if it has

If you sincerely want to make it big in show business, get the hell out of pantomime—or Piedmont—whichever is easier! I can smile at that because a "baker's dozen" just won't dol

Hayward PWA Finds **Treatment Inconvenient**

by Dennis Conkin

A Kaiser Permanente Health Plan member who lives near the Kaiser Hayward medical facility drives almost 100 miles roundtrip to San Francisco everyday to receive outpatient treatment for Pneumocystis carini pneumonia.

The gay man says that he is forced to do so because the only alternative for receiving intravenous Pentamidine treat-ment for the condition is to be hospitalized Kaiser Hayward.

"I don't need to be

nospitalized. That's insane, said the man, who prefers that his name not be used. "If a patient doesn't need to be hospitalized, why tie up a bed and spend all that money?

The only alternative for the individual other than hospitalization is to go to San Francisco where he can receive his in-travenous treatments in an outpatient clinic

"You'd think they aren't try-ing to save money. It's a toxic drug, but it has been proven over and over again that it can be administered on an outpa-

"Kaiser Hayward doesn't have the staff or the space or have the staff or the space or the people to do it on an outpa-tient basis. At this point it doesn't make sense for them to gear up the space and the staff, the area and the service, for only one patient who requires it. It's simply not cost effec-tive," said Dan Danzig, a Kaiser spokesman.

According to Danzig, Kaiser San Francisco is able to provide outpatient intravenous treatment for the condition because of the demand for the

service.
For Kaiser Hayward to begin providing such a service, "there should be a number of patients who require the outpatient treatment on a regular basis," according to Danzig.

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Horst Kief, M.D. (Germany) 10.45 PM

Laurence E. Badgley, M.D. 1:00

Gerard Laumond, M.D. (France) 1:45

Terry L. Pulse, M.D. Aloe Vera & nutrition 3:45 Robert Cathcart, M.D. Ascorbate therapy

Meet the speakers 5:45

John Bogden, Ph.D.

David Payne, M.D.

Lenny Kaplan Latest reports on low-dose oral alpha interferon

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Glen Rein, Ph.D.

Osama Kandil, Ph.D. Nigella Sativa (black seed)

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Nikolaus P. Weger, M.D. Natural immunotherapy

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Arts & Entertainment

Drawing the Line

Camerawork Exhibit is Out to Test Our Limits

rt with lesbian themes is scarce enough in galleries, but art with overtly erotic lesbian subject matter is among the rarest finds. When such art is also beautiful, pro-vocative, revealing and timely, there is a genuine "event" at

"Drawing the Line" is an ex-

hibit of 100 photographs by Kiss and Tell, a three-women art collective from Vancouver, which will show here at San Francisco's Camerawork Arranged into a narrative, it depicts the pro-gression of a

sexual meeting between two women (who are not intended to represent all lesbians). to represent all lesbians). Female viewers are asked to write responses on the walls, and specifically to "draw the line where they put their limits regarding sexual imagery." There is a book, containing smaller prints, where men may join their own voices.

The opening reception takes The opening reception takes place on Friday, June 1, from 8 to 11 p.m. A presentation by Susan Stewart, the photographer for Kiss and Tell, and Millie Wilson, a Los Angeles artist who is exhibiting her own installation regarding depictions of lesbian history, "Fauve Semblant," takes place on Saturday, June 2, at 3 p.m. (\$5; Camerawork members \$3).

There's a sense, in "Drawing There's a sense, in "Drawing the Line," of examining the creases in our society which divide artists, activists and viewers who are otherwise or the same fabric. Representations of lesbian (and gay) presence are diversifying,

Female viewers are asked to write responses on the walls, and specifically to "draw the line" where they put their limits regarding sexual imagery.

> following decades when political and theoretical interpreta-tions were strong and far-flung. Politics and writing per-haps tended to attract people most interested in publicly defining behing and greaters. defining lesbian and gay expe

Now artists are increasingly taking an active role. Sometimes, as here, the audience is asked to participate — not in an organization or a demonstration. stration. Rather, viewers are asked to involve themselves in intimate translations of common experience

Leading Roles

Many artists who are gay and lesbian are today taking "leading" roles in defining the

tense lines dividing the public and the private — those lines that homosexuals must continually test in order to enter the public discourse. As they do, politics has forcefully boarded the train of develop-ment. Numerous right-wing fanatics at this moment are equally concerned with destroying the National Endowment for the Arts and in push

ing back a swell-ing tide — a ren-aissance — of homoerotic or homosexual ly-related artwork. Many artists essentially become activists in a politicized art world.

While group and solo exhib-its with gay male themes are becoming

more visible, publicly-shown art with lesbian subjects are still exceedingly rare. No doubt this reflects the general male dominance in art and

Is it also because lesbians Is it also because lesbians have been somewhat less directly affected by the AIDS epidemic, which has prodded many male artists to openly confront their gay relationships? Or, because the representation of sex between two women has traditionally because of the restriction of the conformal of the representation of the representat been an attraction for the dominant straight male culture, while sex between two men is supposed to attract no one except the most



Kiss and Tell, detail from "Drawing the Line," 1990.

perverted?

"Drawing the Line" has previously been seen in Toron-to, Vancouver, and Melbourne and Sydney, Australia. The writing on the walls has been deeply moving as well as

sharp, and some of the writing sharp, and some of the writing it has inspired in magazines is extraordinary. Pat Feindel, for instance, has written, "To see [these photographs] is to realize, to feel the absence of im-

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What London Lacks

A Critique of 'London Scene' and Some Words on Getting (Gaily) About Town

surprise, then, to find the usually thoughtful Gay Men's

Press exporting a homogenous and rosy view of the place in London Scene: The Gay Men's

Guide

by Mark Finch

he Chronicle recently ran a snippy piece on what's wrong with my home country. "Any outsider can see things in Britain are not right," it jeered, "whether you meaare them by inner-city riots... horrifying accidents like the King's Cross Underground fire... football violence... the uneveness of South-North economic advance...

The list goes on and aims for the heart: "...The shabbiness of dress; the backwardness of home appliances; the dirty streets and parks; the mustiness of class distinctions; the sheer worn-outness of so much of Britain."

The Chronicle's right. I moved to San Francisco because I was fed-up wearing pinstripe, and couldn't find a ten-program microwave in British department stores

Britain never makes any sense to anyone, especially the people who live there. It's a Second of Two Sections It's easy to scold such guides for their inaccuracies or — worse — for missing out your favorite locations. What London Scene can be fairly criticized for, though, is a simple-minded and smug fantasy of a coherent ray culture.

Fantasy vs. Reality

tasy of a coherent gay culture. Anti-Clause 28 action may have thrown together much of Britain's out lesbian and gay constituencies, but we're still a long way from even the basic political and cultural alliances formed in North America.

Forget household appliances. Britain doesn't even have the same infrastructure of gay organizations as San Francisco, and very little by way of gay neighborhoods.

Of course, to most visitors London must seem like an ex

traordinary homosexual theme park. All boys — gay or straight — have queer haircuts, and everyone under 25 dresses like Andy Bell.

Jimmy Sommerville, the Pet hop Boys and '70s disco soundalikes dominate the mainstream charts. Turn on TV and you won't last five minutes without drag or camp comedians spraying gay slang at the screen.

Britain is the place where only 2 percent of the country is church-going, but where the biggest membership (and most actively lobbying) gay organi-zation is the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement.

Aside from the multi-authored book's inability to recognize this intoxicating in-coherence, there's also the basic problem of what a gay guide should be telling us. What is the difference between being a visitor and being a gay visitor?

(Continued on page 50)



On the Offensive Against Censorship

by David Hirsh

magine that a power-hungry pulpit-pounder glued together several photographs of you, from different times, in various sex acts and then mailed 178,000 copies across the land, demanding that, because of your undiluted degeneracy, you have no right to a livelihood.

Artist David Wojnarowicz recently returned from a short trip to Mexico to find himself the target of just such a McCarthyite witch hunt. Fourteen tiny segments, some containing homoerotic content, were cut out of, or severely cropped from, several of his larger works and mailed to all mem-

Commentary

bers of Congress, among many others. These fragments were labeled as examples of complete artworks which had been somehow sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Conservative fanatics have had success with this vicious maneuver in the past; this time they chose the wrong tar-baby.

Donald Wildmon, leader of the extreme right-wing fundamentalist American Family Association, is campaigning hard to kill the NEA. From all appearances, he is gathering significant contributions for his organization based on this campaign. Last year he raised the roof over NEA funding for an exhibit containing Andres Serrano's "Piss Christ," without ever having seen the work. Now, when Congress must vote to extend the NEA's life as a functioning institution, the Jesse Helms-Wildmon-Heritage Foundation team are intensifying their terrorist tactics to destroy the NEA, to stigmatize and silence homosexuals who work in the arts, to arrogantly restrict all forms of public discourse, and to intimidate arts institutions into Victorian sweetness, light and



Top one-quarter of American Family Association mailer denounces tax money used to fund the "Tongues of Flame" exhibition catalogue.

Big Brother hypocrisy.

At this time it appears that the NEA may survive, with the prescribed role of forging an official "state art." The recent ban on funding for overtly sexual—especially homoerotic—artwork of any kind may well stay in place. Artists who receive NEA grants must now sign a document swearing that they will voluntarily bow before this reactionary censorship and homophobia (something akin to German Jews or homosexuals signing on as minimally-paid campaign workers for Hitler). Also, the majority of NEA funds could soon be distributed to state agencies. Many will recall that it was under the code of "state's rights" that blatant racial segregation was upheld.

Mounting an Offensive

Finally, however, an offensive has been mounted. While limited in its scope, it could have a far-reaching impact in current free speech battles. Hopefully it will help others to affirm freedom of expression.

Wojnarowicz recently showed a large retrospective of work at a rural campus of the University of Illinois, in the town of Normal. The town is decidedly conservative, however the artist and his exhibit received wide and warmly enthusiastic attention. Despite the fact that his often-angry artwork places the AIDS crisis and homosexuality in a broad yet intimate vision of global issues, the University Galleries received only two protests to the exhibit, one of them anonymous. When Wojnarowicz delivered a talk, the college auditorium overflowed with hundreds of people, many of whom traveled from all over the region. A chapter of ACT UP was founded in Normal shortly afterward. Never before had a university art exhibit excited such respect and attendance.

The NEA had awarded the University Galleries \$15,000 to help mount this exhibit, prior to the ban on homoerotic content (and before John Frohnmayer became director of the NEA). This sum, of course, was only a small fragment of the costs involved for such an

exhibit and the book-form catalogue, Tongues of Flame, which accompanied it. Based solely in terms of community response, it must have ranked among the best-used grants that the NEA had awarded in that period.

Beginning in March of this year, Wildmon's American Family Association used a significantly-altered image from Tongues of Flame in a full-page advertisement in the national newspaper U.S.A. Today to solicit contributions, supposedly for its anti-NEA campaign.

In April, 14 grossly distorted images from the catalogue

were reproduced on a broadside and mailed out (according to Wildmon) to over 178,000 addresses across the country. In one instance, a reproduced segment was calculated to be 2.5 percent of the actual artwork it was cut from. The broadside urged readers to "find out if your Congressman and Senators voted to reauthorize the NEA for another five years and thus continue using tax dollars to fund such 'works of art' as those on this sheet."

Fascist Tactics

Following these fascist tactics, the University of Illinois began to receive mail com(Continued on page 51)

Stepping Out

Bernice Perazzo and Wendy Sprague strut their stuff at last Saturday's benefit to raise money to send the Cheek to Cheek Dancers to the Gay Games cultural festivities in August.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

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You're a crack reader? Wonderful! You know and love this repertoire? Also wonderful! However, the all-important thing here is the color and timbre of your God-given voice. If these attributes are suitable to the performance of Early Music and if you sound as though you'd blend with others already chosen, then you're for me.

This is not to suggest, of course, that "pure, sweet and steady" should translate to sexless and boring. Far from it. And a miracle will happen when such singers decide to *collaborate*. A miracle which singers and audience alike can enjoy.

What we've had to date from the English Early Music "consorts" (and they're by far and away the best) is a sound that is white, "hooty" and almost entirely devoid of vibrato. This makes for a marvelous blend and works well for about five minutes. After that, it's terminal boredom and people complaining they can't stand Renaissance music. Can we do something about this? If you fancy the masses, motets and madrigals of Josquin, Byrd, Palestrina, Morley and company, call me today. Let's get together and see what gives.

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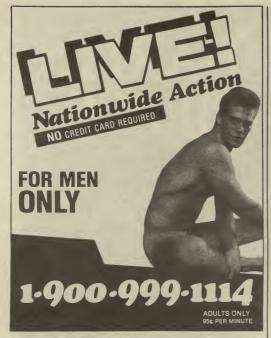
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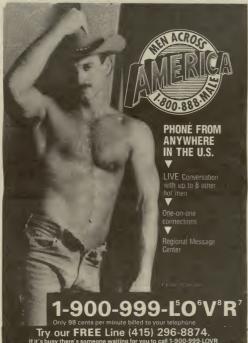
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One for the Convinced Flock

by Warren Sonbert

There are many major miscalculations in Almodovar's latest work, Atame! (does this truly mean both Tie Me Up! and Tie Me Down!?), his obviously weakest film, but for the convinced flock it's still worth seeing.

The vein here is similar to Matador's, a dangerous sex comedy, rather more sober around the edges than the giddy Labyrinth of Passion or Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown. But whereas Matador integrated its essential dark nature with the vertiginous energy of its characters, Atame! neglects to supply sufficiently vigorous protagonists.

Part of the problem is in the casting. It is incomprehensible what the filmmaker saw in Victoria Abril (Marina) as his lead. She has all the charm and charisma of a Latin Barbara Rush. And while Antonio Banderas' (Ricky) supple physique has always been welcome in the lesser if decorous roles in Matador, Women on the Verge, Labyrinth and especially Law of Desire, he just doesn't have the density of, say, Terence Stamp.

That comparison is inescapable as the film seems to want to spin out a farcical updating of the turbulent concerns of Wyler's The Collector. In both plots, an ignorant, mentally unstable, lower class, young man kidnaps a successful, professional woman to try to make her fall in love with him.

In the Wyler (not a director I particularly admire, save for this film and *The Big Country*) we were on the edge of our seats not only as to what would happen next but as well to the shifting dichotomies of power relationships between the man and the woman. In *Atamel* we can't wait till they're off the screen and the director blessedly cuts away to anything else.

The Collector subtly balanced the reins of control between captive and abductor. Atame! refuses to acknowledge the serious concerns of its nar-



Victoria Abril and Antonio Banderas make a not-so-interesting couple in *Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!*

rative mechanism and opts for a light, romantic comedy that it is incapable of pulling off.

Appeal on Periphery

The peripheral characters, Lola (the victim's sister), who keeps coming around to water plants (Repulsion), and who has the spunk and vivacity symptomatic of Almodovar's optimistic attitude to life's chaos, and Max (the heroine's movie director), who watches porn videos obsessively from his wheelchair (Peeping Tom), are both infinitely more appealing satellites than the "stars" they revolve around. At the film studio an interviewer confronts her ex-lover, now a hunk extra on the set, in an amusing moment that has the potential to develop and build (and would've in an earlier Almodovar movie) as the film goes along. But they disappear and the cunning brushstrokes

evaporate like coming from invisible ink.

Associates had prepared me for the film's outrageous political incorrectness: Marina becomes Patty Hearst, embraces the Swedish syndrome and eventually falls in love with her kidnapper. They even get married in the end and he joins her family (Mom has saved some pasta for him in the fridge). I anticipated that all this would be "placed" in some kind of Sturgean wacko satire. But Almodovar actually seems to celebrate aberrant behavior as a kinky way into (rather than an alternative to) wonderful, "normal" life.

And Marina's capitulation from abhorrence to love falls on the flimsiest of narrative devices: Ricky comes home from a gang fight with a few bruises ()) and someone a few

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Freedom Tonight

B.W. Lee's San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade (1989), a portrait of the event that commemorated the 20 years since Stonewall, screens one night only, May 31, 6:30, 8 and 9:30 p.m., at the Roxie Cinema. Tickets are \$5.

Jarman Plunges On

by Warren Sonbert

et a grip on yourself! Derek Jarman, the individual credited with "writing" and "directing" a screen visualization of Benjamin Britten's oratorio "War Requiem," lets the viewers know, in no uncertain terms, that War is Bad.

You can now pick up your copy of B.A.R., dust it off and proceed.

proceed.

Apparently Laurence
Olivier was coaxed out of
retirement for his brief introductory cameo as an Old
Soldier. At least the press kit
doesn't describe him as a
"Young" Soldier. For those of
you unfortunate enough to
have missed Bette Davis'
screen farewell in Wicked
Stepmother here's your chance
to witness a great star in the

to witness a great star in the last throes of deterioration.

The fact that we've been through this territory many times before doesn't deter Jarman.

Because the producers have Because the producers have snagged Olivier they can't just present the oratorio straight as written but have to come up with some Wilfred Owen poetry (which comprises the worded portion of the musical composition) so that those gilded tones of Sir Laurence (here approaching a Kate Hepburn quaver) may make their mark.

But never fear: Britten's

But never fear: Britten's derivative and desiccated score derivative and desiccated score (a perfect bedfellow for Jarman's talents), a pale imitation of Stravinsky, will waft on soon enough. Actually I was grateful to hear Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau's eloquent tones in the recorded version here used though soprano Vishnevskaya already sounded back in 1962 like she too had been studying under Hepburn.

That Jarman Magic

But to get back to that Jarman magic: Those of you familiar with the nonstop negativity and hate that filled

Almodovar

(Continued from previous page) days earlier she wouldn't have invited to a dinner party she's now ready to bed down with and spend the rest of her life

So what's good about the movie? Everything not having to do with the central plot — about 17 percent of it. As usual

about 17 percent of it. As usual you want to immediately board the first flight leaving for Madrid after seeing Almodovar's respect and flair for coping with modern, urban living. Every frame is meticulously shaped and swirled via the dazzling art direction and cinematorarchy.

direction and cinematography However, Morricone's too em phatic and derivative score is a mistake. An inflated budget

allows hollow contributors to flourish.

devoted to.

The Last of England and the repetitive ennui of Sebastiane no doubt realize what misery you're in store for once you leave the lobby. The filmmaker apparently never tires of preaching to an already continued with the second se vinced audience and this mutual admiration society seemingly never tire of each

Of course films like this should never be allowed to escape from the film festivals they're designed for but the Castro has masochistically taken this stink bomb on for a mere three days next week (wouldn't you really rather be sitting shiva instead?) so that a sitting sniva insteady) so that a blessed minimum of the un-wary may only be afflicted with the possibility of subjec-ting themselves to such cruel and unusual punishment.

I assume that I must dutifully report that against the mu-sical background a kind of narsical background a kind of nar-rative is feebly and ineptly at-tempted that seems to concern two pals at World War I's front and the stalwart nurse who waits for one of them back home (the indefatigably devoted-to-Jarman Tilda Swinton; what does he have on

One of these nice blokes is sure to have his copy of Keats always handy (just what one needs in the foxholes) to let us swine in the audience know that he's a sensitive, poetic type. No girlie tabloids for him — or even, god forbid, Drum-mer (unlike me!).

An overexposed sequence features a USO (or its WWI equivalent) drag show with harridans shrieking in front of the Union Jack before an audience of shell-shocked lads. Get tit? Every image in fact screams
Get It! and the nudges left my
ribs sore. Make sure your Blue
Shield is updated before enter-

The fact that we've been through this territory many times before doesn't seem to deter Jarman: He acts like nobody will notice that How I
Won The War or Oh! What a
Lovely War or Gallipoli or
Paths of Glory (not to mention
the Henze/Edward Bond opera We Come to the River) have already been made and maybe even seen by members of his potential audience.



Inventive Sex Scenes

The two sex scenes, which earned the film its really undeserved X-rating, are both inventive and steamy. Tub toys should enjoy a fresh vogue with the bubble bath set.

The humor of all secondary characters and scenes — at the start in an asylum and in the film studio — are oases of the deft grandeur and sly, quick yet penetrating insight we've come to expect from the film-maker. If we hadn't had Law of Desire, What Did I Do To Deserve This? and now even the earlier (1982) but no less assured Labyrinth of Passion to sooil us with their brilliance. The humor of all secondary to spoil us with their brilliance, Atame! would seem neither so disappointing nor off the mark.

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War Requiem role was one of Laurence Olivier's last.

Oppressive Agenda

But since Jarman has neither the technique nor the discipline to sustain any kind of narrative after he's finished pilfering from story cinema he turns his greedy claws to the Avant Garde. Bruce Conner and Stan Brakhage have grounds for plagiarism suits, though whereas these two masters leave the viewer with options as to how to read their images, Jarman only has thought control on his oppressive agenda. And I'd like to meet someone who actually likes his work as opposed to those who feel they have to like

Typically brilliant Jarman

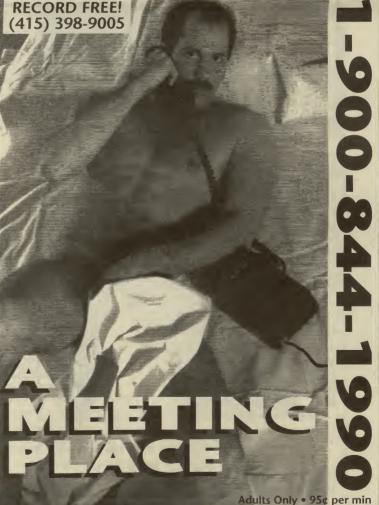
touches will have children dressed up like nurses and soldiers and then we'll cut to the real thing with vomit spew-ing (at least the soldier was cute) or mud decorously caked over battle weary dog soldiers after an image of flowers on a meticulously clean, white tablecloth.

A momentary diversion was provided by the score's cribbing from Arthur Benjamin's Storm Cloud Cantata and used Storm Cloud Cantata and used by Hitchcock twice in both his versions of The Man Who Knew Too Much — I kept hop-ing Doris Day would peer around a corner.

Oh vou have to be hard, cold

and cynical (like me!) not to be and cynical (like mel) not to be touched by his neverending chronicle of human pain and squalor. Preston Sturges may have been deluded into thinking that a good laugh, albeit in conjunction with an appreciation of life's darker pitfalls, is what maying audience deserve. what movie audiences deserve. But Derek Jarman ignores such an "ostrich" attitude and plunges on, without in-telligence, without sensitivity and without imagination to insure that the fascist thieves of the world will have their ignoble say

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Televising the Revolution

New Tape by Lisa Rudman is Centerpiece of 'An Evening of Video, Poetry and Resistance'

by Noreen C. Barnes

isa Rudman uses TV to make people angry. An engaging and amiable les bian videomaker, she has documented a number of political protests in the past four or five years — from those of the AIDS Action Pledge (the activaribs action riedge (the activist group that preceded ACT UP locally) to rallies in the Philippines — all in the hopes that the people who view her view her works will transform outrage into political action.

For her latest videotape, Resistance Conspiracy, Rud-man went behind prison walls final well belining prison wans to speak with six people — four women and two men — who were indicted, "with no evidence," on various charges connected with the bombing of the Capitol building following the United States' invasion of Grenada in 1983.

Among the other charges against the group are conspir-ing "to influence, change and protest policies and practices of the United States government concerning various inter-national and domestic matters through the use of violent and illegal means."

Rudman's moving video has Rudman's moving video has its West Coast premiere Saturday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at the Dolores Street Baptist Church as part of "Resistance Conspiracy: An Evening of Video, Poetry and Resistance." Also participating in the event will be Cherrie Moraga, (Chicana lesbian poet and playwright), Katya Kamisaruk (disarmament activist), Phavia Kujichagulia (black musician, poet and performance artist) poet and performance artist) and Erika Luckett (singer/ songwriter and composer of the score for the Resistance Conspiracy video).

The event is a benefit for the The event is a benefit for the "Resistance Conspiracy" defendants — Alan Berkman, Tim Blunk, Marilyn Buck, Susan Rosenberg, Linda Evans and Laura Whitehorn — who will be going on trial in lath and the properties of the second July, and who are currently imprisoned in Washington, D.C.

The defendants have been activists for many years, "in support of peoples' liberation movements" internationally and on a variety of levels of resistance, says Rudman, in-



Videographer Lisa Rudman documents the work of political ac-

cluding black and Puerto Rican liberation, gay/lesbian and women's rights, and have worked against racism, im-perialism and the Ku Klux

The video, on which they collaborated, is their discussion of "their lives, the politics of the armed actions they are of the armed actions they are accused of, the conditions they and other political prisoners face, and their vision for the times ahead." Through the video, producer Rudman has, with compassion and artistry, uncovered, as she calls it, what makes these people

Two Lesbian Defendants

Two of the defendants, who have been the subject of articles in the gay/lesbian press, Evans and Whitehorn, have found that it has been important for them to come out as lesbian, and that being lesbian is an intrinsic part of being a revolutionary. Evans considers their lesbianism as part of the threat the government sees in them: "The fact that there are white people — women, les-bians — fighting against racism and fighting to fun-damentally change the system is very threatening to them.

In a telephone interview, Evans remarked that "to develop full potential as our-selves and as women, a new kind of society is necessary, for us and other oppressed sec-tors." That is not "possible under this system," which challenges any "movements for self-determination.

Those various movements, represented in what Evans calls the "diverse histories" of the defendants, share the "same vision of society. We want to build with other movements — we have an in-terest in lesbian and women's liberation that has the same goals as black liberation and the internationalist move-ments. We are just ordinary people, and the choices we have made are very logical if you look at the world around

Evans believes that alliances with other movements are critical, as is the acknowledgment that "we're struggling for the same goal." As a member of the more "militant sector" of the resistance movement, she says that "we are being made says that "we are being made examples of" by the prosecu-tion, which has built its case, she says, essentially around "guilt by political association."

While believing that "every kind of tactic is necessary to win change," Evans expresses concern about the broader implications of the issues of the

upcoming trial for those in all political movements. The government's attempt to in-timidate and separate the defendants is being countered by their own campaign to maintain contact with each other and those who support them from outside.

She was especially appreciative of the West Coast lesbian and gay community's assistance, and hopes that the trial (her fifth, and collectively for the defendants, the 15th — largely on the same charges as in previous trials) will bring recognition to other political prisoners, who have been "ex-

They are currently cam-paigning to have both the

"We are just ordinary people, and the choices we have made are very logical if you look at the world around us." -Linda Evans

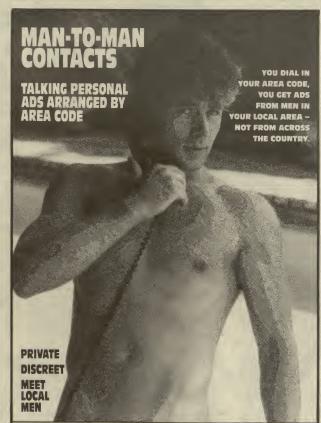
charges dropped, as well as for Berkman's release on parole on humanitarian grounds — he has cancer. (They were able to get medical treatment for get medical treatment and Berkman — one positive "con-crete action" cited by Evans.)

Mistreatment Alleged

Whitehorn has been in "preventive detention" since 1985, without bail. All of the defendants say they have encountered mistreatment while in prison, including intimidation, sensory deprivation, 24-hour surveillance and lighting, unnecessary searches, isolation. "lock-down." beatisolation, "lock-down," beatings and rape. Susie Day, the author of a number of articles on the defendants, wrote last year in Sojourner:

If these are the conditions under which political prisoners are sentenced to live for years of their lives, why is there not an outcry from feminist and progressive communities? One reason may be the fact that these six political prisoners, and others like them. support armed struggle them, support armed struggle as a people's right to resist oppression. This view is

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Lisa Rudman videotapes Alan Berkman for Resistance Con-

The Gassing of a 'Jew Faggot'

by Robert Julian

If Hunter Thompson were lobotomized, locked in a room and forced to write a play, he would probably produce something like The Execution of Abe Goldstein, a Depraved Homosexual. The original 1956 version of this play was allegedly written in Greek by Demetrius Toteras. The current translation by director Tad Baker represents, according to the press release, the "Essence of this play." It's impossible to say how much of the original work remains, but I can describe the opening residue.

Director/translator, Mr. Baker, also serves as emcee for this evening of entertainment. The stage is lined in black plastic (of the Hefty Bag variety) and the action begins as three men enter to the tune of rap music. One is our protagonist, Abe Goldstein, a part played by an unknown actor I will presume innocent — in the absence of evidence to the contrary. No program is passed out and the actors are not identified in any way.

One of Goldstein's two accomplices is a gentleman who wears a Richard Nixon face mask and sports an enormous dildo that protrudes from his open fly. The other man wears a black jock strap, a garter, and a motorcycle helmet. This last performer lubricates his anus with a can of whipped cream throughout the opening scene, while Goldstein is being strapped into a gas chamber on stage.

Queer Sexaholic

Emcee Baker explains that Goldstein is a queer sexaholic,

Drawing

ages like this — images of sex between lesbians, sex that is honest and alive. I felt overwhelmed by an awareness of that absence, that silence."

And Marusia Bociurkiw, in her fantastic review (which is available at Camerawork), notes, "Lesbian-made pornography presents an important alternative to heterosexual porn, yet it separates itself from feminist consciousness ... imbues the photographs with an erotic power and sensuality that I hadn't yet seen conveyed in lesbian porn."

Kiss and Tell (presently composed of Susan Stewart, Persimmon Blackbridge and Lizard Jones) have met "off and on" over six years to discuss a collective "lust journal" as well as the evolution of piercing censorship battles.

The continuing intensity of censorship issues gives "Drawing the Line" special value. All of us are being asked, or forced, to form opinions about sexual imagery, both privately and publicly. The lines which lesbians and gay men draw now may well have a greater-than-usual impact on other sectors of this culture.

This exuberant and remarkable exhibit will hopefully be seen in more cities. San Francisco is fortunate to be the first in this country to receive it.

infected with the deadly HIV-13 virus. He has been condemned to death for having unsafe sex with over 400 men in the last year. The dildo and anus impersonators exit and, in the five scenes that follow, Baker introduces the audience to people from Goldstein's past. They represent his most recent sex partner; his initiator into homosexual acts (another "Jew homo"); a former boyfriend; the wife of a deceased lover; and a man who refused Goldstein's advances.

One by one, the characters voice their disapproval of Goldstein while he shouts his protests from inside the gas chamber. Throughout these individual testimonies, the audience throws tomatoes at the actors. Said tomatoes are passed out by a young woman and successful impacts are greeted by encouraging audience cheers such as, "Aw-right, bro!" On opening night, one pitch was thrown with such force it broke the glass window of the gas chamber.

There is apparently no set

script and, although the premise could potentially give rise to hilarious gonzo theatre or serious social commentary, neither materialized on opening night. Instead, there was an unmistakably mean-spirited tone to the evening.

Overly Long Fag Joke

The audience, populated primarily with friends of the performers, seemed to be enjoying an overly long fag joke in questionable taste. At the end of the evening, those in attendance voted thumbs down for Goldstein and he was cheerfully executed. Baker brought the evening to a close by suggesting, "Until next week, when we gas another Jew faggot — Goodnight."

Anyone who seeks this sort of tomato-tossing in a cabaret setting should be prepared to pay \$20 per person for the privilege. Drinks are extra. Regrettably, I cannot give any of the actors the personal attention they deserve since their names were not divulged. I did not recognize anyone in the show from this community

(theatre or otherwise).

I confess some admiration for any production that provides audience members with overripe fruit and encourages them to pelt their opinion of the performance via juicy projectiles. But I left my own rubyred beefsteak on the table, next to a half-eaten bowl of pretzels.

In my experience, the pen is, indeed, mightier than the tomato.

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No. 1 and Way Ahead of the Pack

by David Taylor-Wilson

orpheus Records has unleashed a new talent who has an unbelievable set of pipes. Her name is Tamika Patton, and she is destined to acquire a very large slice of the pie of success.

Patton's debut album is simply entitled, No. 1. It contains eight tracks of beautiful, sumptuous ballads, catchy, uptempo pop-inflected numbers and even a contemporary hiphop dance tune. In other words, she does it all.

The highlight of her album is a smoking rendition of the Billie Holliday classic, "God Bless The Child." Done with exceeding sensitivity and wrought with emotion, it is one of the most poignant readings of this song I have ever heard.

Patton is joined by Eric Gable for a duet on "Your Precious Love," a remake of the Marvin Gaye/Tammi Terrell hit from the '60s. Gable's gritty vocals blend well with Patton's impassioned ones, creating an ardent love song.

The most surprising thing about this album is that Patton is only 18 years old, which qualifies her to be listed among music's "Teen Brigade" of artists. Her overwhelming talent and mature musical approach place her way ahead of the pack, however.

She names Patti LaBelle, Tramaine Hawkins and Natalie Cole as among her influences, and it shows. Take LaBelle's fire and emotion, Hawkins' soaring passion, Cole's jazz-influenced upbringing, mix them together and



Tamika Patton: an 18-year-old wonder.

you've got Tamika Patton. Required listening.

Big Beats

Rap music has just turned ten years old. (Can you believe it?) All the skeptics and critics who originally labelled it as a passing fad have been proven wrong. In some ways, rap has grown and improved upon itself. In others it has become the center of controversy.

Rap music's largest audience has always been found among young adults. However, positive role models with whom they could easily identify have always been far and few between. Female rappers have come in even fewer numbers.

Recently, that's begun to change with the advent of female rappers like Queen Latifah, Salt 'n Pepa, and Roxanne Shante. Well move over girls, and make room for Big Lady K.

Big Lady K's debut album on Priority Records is *Bigger Than Life*, and it's a definite winner.

Where most rappers steal hooks and phrases from past hits (by way of sampling) simply because they have no real musical talent beyond their rapping ability, this 16-year-old wonder utilizes them as a foundation to bring more intensity to her rap. Credit for this must also be given to her D.J.

sidekick, Romeo the Mix-

ologist.

On "FFun," she borrows harmonies and horns from the original ConFunkShun tune. On "Smiling Faces" she borrows the chorus from "Smiling Faces Sometimes," which was originally done by the Undisputed Truth in the '70s. And on "I'm Coming Out," yep, you guessed it, she borrows from Diana Ross.

Other original tracks, like "Don't Get Me Started" hammer home her intent to prove that it's still possible to reap life's big rewards without giving in to things like drug abbuse. She's quite proud of that accomplishment, and so she should be.

Big Lady K brings positive lyrics and fun to Rap music. With an eye-on young adults she has the potential to become a rapping teen sensation.

Troop Tony Tunes

Oak Town homeboys Tony Toni Tone return with their sophomore release on Wing Records, *The Revival*. Already an extremely talented group, as they proved with their first outing last year *Who?*, this album is evidence that rather than resting on their laurels, they have continued to evolve.

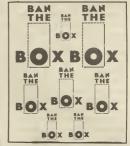
The first single release, "The Blues," features vocalist Tyler Collins (who is currently enjoying success with her single, "Girl's Nite Out"). In the background, you hear the 3T's pay homage to the Jackson 5 as they recreate the harmonies that the J-5 did for Stevie

Wonder on the hit "You Haven't Done Nuthin."

"Oakland Stroke" is a kickin' little number that features label-mate Vanessa Williams. "Those Were The Days" is the result of intense studying of the throw-down funk of the past chart-toppers, Bootsy Collins and Parliament-Funkadelic, just the right dose of shot-in-the-arm funk we need right now.

For something slower try "Whatever You Want." The 3T's vocals move to center spotlight and shine brightly.

Tony Toni Tone has studied the best of R&B's past, successfully parlayed that into the present, and are now set to conquer the future. Couldn't happen to a better set of guys.



Ban The Box

No this has nothing to do with boycotting the popular nightclub.

How often have you bought CDs from your local record store, gone home, opened the paperboard or plastic blisterpack box it comes in, and tossed it in the trash?

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Right Time, Right Place

by David Taylor-Wilson

isa Stansfield, a 23-yearold soul-singing import from Roachdale, England closed out her stateside tour last Friday with a sold-out (or should I say souled-out?) performance at the Warfield Theatre.

Stansfield set the pace and theme of the evening with a scorching rendering of "This Is The Right Time," a song that, like her entire debut album, Affection, deals with relationships, a belief in honest-togoodness true love, and the importance of honesty and respect in all relationships.

The Warfield echoed of infectious dance tunes as Stansfield's fervent voice glowed with the true emotion of what great soul music is all about. She has said that the most surprising encounter of the American leg of her tour is the stateside fascination with the fact that she is white.

"What's color got to do with it?" Stansfield asked in a recent interview with the Beat. "I don't go around thinking, 'I sing soul music and I'm white! I just sing the way I feel!"

She couldn't be more correct. Whereas heavy metal music is centered around thunderous guitar licks, soul music is centered around the depths of the heart and the emotional strings that are attached to it — and the way in which they are plucked in everyday life. That's why it's called soul music!

Expansive Soul

Stansfield has an expansive soul. You can feel her aching to



Lisa Stansfield

be thrown open to musical expression. For an hour-and-twenty-five minutes Stansfield commanded the audience with the ripeness of a seasoned veteran artist. Though she has appeared before as a featured vocalist in past groupings, with Coldcut and also the Blue Zone, this is her first tour as a solo artist.

She fronted a well-balanced, and very talented eight-piece band that produced a tight, lively and spirited music set. Major kudos for including real brass with the band. (This is a girl after my own heart!)

The surprising highlight of the evening was her blazingly beautiful treatment of "Good Morning Heartache," The Billie Holiday jazz torcher from 1946 that resurfaced in the early '70s via Diana Ross in the movie Lady Sings the Blues. (She is definitely after my heart!)

The awaited highlight of the evening was the ingratiatingly, silky "All Around The World," the single that has propelled her album to world-wide sales

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TWO HOURS FOR TWO DOLLARS.

Piwe! Men talking to men.

Lyrical Humiliation Scenes

by George Heymont

When the Juilliard Opera Center announced plans to stage Ralph Vaughn-Williams' rarely performed Hugh The Drover, I leapt at the chance to experience a live performance of this extremely lyrical piece of music theater composed by a man whose music has always charmed me. Vaughncharmed me. Vaughn-Williams' "romantic ballad opera" (which includes hints of several English folk songs) contains quite a bit of powerful writing for chorus as well as

A drama in which a young woman renounces a chance to marry the town butcher (a macho clod) in favor of a macho clod) in favor of a curious stranger whose life keeps him on the move, *Hugh The Drover's* second act opens with the hero, accused of witchcraft, locked in a pair of stocks in the center of town. What opera queen with a fetish for humiliation scenes could ask for anything more? ask for anything more?

Using sets by Peter Harrison and costumes by Thomas L. Keller, Frank Corsaro directed Hugh The Drover with a wondrous sense of period romance. Strong cameos came from Michael L. Galanter as a ballad

seller, John Hancock as both a sergeant and a showman and Scott Wilde as the town con-stable whose daughter falls in love with the title character.

Alison England's Mary was charming and pleasant, if a bit under par vocally. Franco Pomponi gave a pompously butch portrayal of John the Butcher. As the Drover (horse catcher) with a secret, I found Matthew Lord's sullen intensity most appealing a feator. ty most appealing; a factor which added a great deal of intrigue to the evening. Richard Bradshaw conducted the performance, which was staged in the Juilliard School's exceptionally intimate theatre.

Unplanned Parenthood

Unplanned Parenthood
Back in 1954, when Fanny opened on Broadway with a cast headed by Walter Slezak, Ezio Pinza and Florence Henderson, Harold Rome's score (like Frank Loesser's music for The Most Happy Fella two years later) showed marked operatic tendencies. Although the show itself was never the strongest of Broadway vehicles, Fanny can lay claim to one asset sorely lacking from most of today's Broadway shows: a solid book based on Marcel Pagnol's trilogy (which was crafted for

the stage by S. N. Behrman and Joshua Logan so that it had a beginning, a middle and an

In the story, Fanny and Marius have grown up in the same village and loved each other since childhood. Although Panisse (a wealthy widower) has proposed mar-riage to Fanny, she has refused his advances. Marius, who yearns for the sea, finally gets up the courage to spend a night up the courage to spend a night with Fanny and unknowingly impregnates her before heading off to sea. When the girl's mother shames her into marrying Panisse, Fanny discovers an elderly man who is so delighted at the thought of having an heir to his family for having an heir to his family fortune that he is more than hap-py to keep the source of Fanny's illegitimate pregnancy a

Marius' father, Cesar (Panisse's best friend), becomes the infant's god-father. But when Marius returns from the sea, neither Fanny nor her child, Cesario, can hide their attraction to him. Years later, when Cesario ducks out of a circus celebra-tion honoring his tenth birth-day in order to meet Marius, Panisse suffers a fatal heart at-



Jose Ferrer and George S. Irving in a scene from Fanny.

tack. Before dying, Panisse insists that Marius wed Fanny and look after their son, thus reuniting the lovers while restoring the ruptured rela-

tionship between a father and his biological son.

In retrospect, Rome's score can be seen as part of a trend (Continued on page 50)

SYMPHONY

Low Voltage Finale

by Philip Campbell

The San Francisco Symphony closed the 78th season last week with a well played, but stubbornly unpersuasive reading of Anton Bruckner's Fifth. Once again, the flat acoustics of Davies Hall could be blamed for much of the problem; the strings sounded thin and dry, while the horns were robbed of needed warmth and bloom. Music director Herbert Blomstedt is director Herbert Blomstedt is no stranger to this repertoire, still he could not supply suffi-cient energy to make the per-formance totally convincing. All the technical demands of the massive score were met

Let's hope **Blomstedt** lets down his hair next season and gives us personal insight as well as orchestral tuning.

with confidence, most especially by the often criticized brasses. Their superior attack and tone brought what little excitement the evening had to offer. Some fine tuning for the strings should have been a priority for Blomstedt since the beginning of his tenure, but it appears he is going to let the auditorium's sound difficulties continue to take the rap.

Bruckner's monolithic Fifth was not an obvious choice for



Pianist Garrick Ohlsson

a season finale, though it could have been a crowning glory for a rather lackluster year. No one could say the course was run poorly, but it was an uninspiring conclusion and that, after all, is what we all were honing for. were hoping for.

Ohlsson Pinch Hits

The previous week brought a much more successful rendia much more successful rendition of an even less frequently performed score. Pianist Garrick Ohlsson blazed his way through Max Reger's difficult Piano Concerto in F minor, Opus 114 with enough power to make it sound a masterpiece. It is really more an interesting footnote to the great Piano Concerto No. 1 by Brahms, but Ohlsson, filling in for an ailing Rudolf Serkin, played with such ardor it became an exciting entity, regardless of heritage.

Travelling through the

Travelling through the amazing harmonics of Reger's complex soundscape can be as daunting as following the vast ruminations contained in one of the big Bruckner sym-

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Some Not Always **Proper Bostonians**

The Mount Vernon Street Warrens by Martin Green; Scribner's, \$24.95

by Noreen C. Barnes

At the center of the The Mount Vernon Street Warrens, Martin Green's account of one of Boston's leading families at the turn of the century, is the aesthete, Ned Warren: art collector, con-Ned warren: art collector, con-noisseur, homosexual, miso-gynist and author of A Defense of Uranian Love. Green's histo-ry, while focusing on Ned Warren's activities, also includes Warren's parents, siblings,

riends, acquaintances in the art world and in-laws.

The story begins with the watershed event for the family, the suicide of the eldest

in the paper mill industry, and in the paper mill industry, and was able to provide his five children with the higher education he never had (primarily at Harvard, though Ned preferred Oxford). The influence of the Warren family is evident from the Boston Museum of Fine Art to Harvard University. Fine Art to Harvard University, in library and museum collections. The family also built a number of still-prominent buildings.

Sam maintained his position in Boston's high society. The handicapped and short-lived Henry devoted his energy to the creation of the Harvard Oriental Series of books.



Ned Warren

brother, Sam Warren, in 1910. Green calls it an act that shat-tered the family "beyond repair" — both because of its causes (a bitter lawsuit filed by Ned against Sam) and its consequences (a scandal that was, so to speak, a shot heard 'round the worlds of art and philan-

The father, Samuel Dennis Warren, had amassed a fortune

Ned's collection of erotica, according to Green, "was intended to break down puritan inhibitions and hypocrisy."

Fiske, the youngest brother, was well-known for his unusual lifestyle (living in a commune he founded at Harvard, nudism and vegetarianism). Cornelia became known for her philanthropic work, par-ticularly in settlement hous-ing, which, Green notes "built social bridges between Yankee society and its immigrant



Art collector and "Uranian" Ned Warren with two friends and a statue

A 'Tragedy of Sexual Politics'

According to Green, the family story's "main action could be called a tragedy of sexual politics" — there was bitter blood between Sam and Ned over control of the family trust fund. Ned was closer to his other brothers, which Green calls "surprising con-sidering how very idiosyn-cratic his interests were, how eccentric his temperament and behavior, and how much trou-ble he caused other people."

Perhaps the only one in his family to be conscious of his own importance, Ned planned his autobiography by leaving his papers in the hands of two Englishmen, Burdett and God-Englishmen, Burdett and God-dard. The two published *The Biography of a Connoisseur*, which Green calls 'one of the worst biographies known to man," written in a "series of fits, of absentmindedness.

Warren did though, "want his life to be remembered, rightly thinking," writes Green, "that it was remark-Green, able."

Green's story skillfully in-terweaves the lives of the Warrens, but remains best when devoted to discussing Ned, whose specialty as a collector was classical antiquities. Ap-proximately 90 percent of the classical holdings of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts came from or through him. His former partner and lover, John Marshall, was similarly re-sponsible for the holdings of the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

Known Things' 'Other for

"Ned was also known in the was also known in other circles and for other things," writes Green, "and most of all for Lewes House, near Brighton, where he lived with homosexual or bisexual male friends and proteges. His word for people like himself was 'Uranians'

Green offers some intrigu-ing hypotheses for Ned's pas-sion for Greek sculpture, noting that "the fact that the connoisseur collects fragments of statues, handles them, and puts them together again, must... have imbued the work of the collector with an erotic glamour for him.'

Ned Warren and John Marshall had a singular way of identifying Attic sculpture by its "pelvic line." They distinguished it "by the way it represents the male pelvis and pubes. Here again is the intellectual activity of the connoisseur coincided with the voveuristic pleasure of the voyeuristic pleasure of the homosexual; the mind legitimized the imagination's intrusion into the forbidden,

into the secret places of the body.

And thus, his collecting of antiquities and his donations to museums was "not so much to museums was "not so much for the few who would love them, he said, as against the many who would not." Ned's collection of erotica, according to Green, "was intended to break down puritan inhibitions and hypocrisy."

Compelling Lives

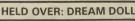
Green is adept at revealing a very particular social history, in the context of diverse social movements. His work is most movements. His work is most compelling when weaving the lives of the five siblings together and in relation to con-temporary art, politics and ideas. As a former Bostonian, I found the work fascinating in its references to New England art and society, and to such friends and rivals as Rodin, Santayana, Brandeis and Mrs.

The Mount Vernon Street Warrens is less interesting when wandering somewhat astray of the concerns of the principal players to those of the very minor figures in the family drama, and when he dwells on the sometimes intricate particulars of finances, trusts, and wills.

Green, the author of the superb Children of the Sun, a look at English aesthetes in the years after the first World War, has provided another portrait of a protagonist inspired by the movement of which Oscar Wilde was a major influence an absolute and charmed vision of life tempered by the harsh realities of unsympathetic legal systems and the imposed obligations connected to the maintenance of a facade mandated by a rigid social hierarchy.

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'American Plays and AIDS' Anthology Published

The Way We Live Now: American Plays and the AIDS Crisis, a collection of plays that presents the responses of the atre artists to AIDS, has just been published by Theatre Communications Group.

The plays in the anthology are: As Is by William M. Hoffman; Zero Positive by Harry Kondoleon; Jack by David Greenspan; Harvey Fierstein's

Safe Sex; Terrence McNally's Andre's Mother; Lanford Wilson's A Poster of the Cosmos; and Susan Sontag's story The Way We Live Now, arranged for the stage by Edward Parone. Also included are excerpts from Tony Kushner's Angels in America, Paula Vogel's The Baltimore Waltz and Christopher Durang's and Christopher Durang's Laughing Wild.

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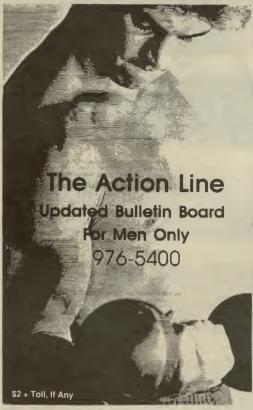
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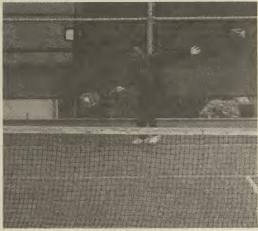
Players Triumph Over Torrents

by Les Balmain

Friday night. Warm front moving in. Drizzling rain. Tennis courts all wet. Gloom sets in. It's blues in the night. Saturday morning. Skies clearing. Tennis courts dry. Regular tournament play begins. Oh, happy day! Sunday morning. Drizzle to heavy rain. Courts soggy wet. Play discontinued. Cry me a river! Monday morning. Front passes by. Sun peeks through. Two days of matches squeezed into one. Tourney triumphs over rain-Tourney triumphs over rainstorms. Happy days are here again!

This was the scenario of the three-day event. Congratulations to the players of the 10th annual United States Gay Open national tennis tournament sponsored by the Gay Tennis Federation of San Francisco who prevailed over woeful weather conditions and successfully completed this great contest. The finals were held on Memorial Day, May 28, at the Channing Avenue tennis courts of the University of California, Berkeley

The 1990 USGO Champion in the Men's Open division is Kyle Baker of San Francisco. Baker defeated Joe Chandler (San Diego) 6-4 in the finals. Kyle is the first member of the GTF to win this coveted na-



No. 1 seed Eric Paschall of West Hollywood was knocked out in the USGO quarterfinals on Monday. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

tional title as the best gay ten-nis player in the United States. Hooray for our team and cheers to Kyle for bringing the gold home after a ten-year

Since two days of matches had to be crammed into the final day of tennis competition with 18 events, the pre-final rounds were reduced to three game pro-sets with regular scoring; and the finals were

changed to six game sets with no-ad scoring

Men's Results

The rest of the men's singles The rest of the men's singles tallied as follows: For players 35 years and over, J. W. White (Berkeley) defeated Rich Ryan (San Francisco) 6-1. In the B division, Erik Torres (Mountain View) defeated Joe Phillips (Dallas) 6-1. In the C

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POOL

High Drama at Season's End

The tightest race for playoff seeding in the S.F. Pool Asso-ciation's 24-year history left two teams dangling in limbo as regular season play among 32 teams concluded last Tuesday.

There were 224 games of 8-ball played by each team and a single game decided the fates

The race for No. 1 seeding, which includes home table ad vantage throughout the play-offs and the easiest path to the finals, was the closest ever. The two teams in contention were the Cafe Quackers and the White Swallow Hunters, owners of the tie-breaking advan-tage by virtue of their having defeated the Quackers in their last meeting.

The Hunters hosted the Cinch Shooting Stars while across the street the Quackers played Cinch We 1st Met, a team that had been dominated in the state of the s ing its inter-divisional oppo nents. Bulletins flew regularly between the two matches. The Hunters, who pulled out to an 8-2 lead over the Stars, seemed destined to end the Quackers' nine-season streak as No. 1. seed. Meanwhile, the Quackers were struggling with the talented young "Met" team.

Crucial Games

The Hunters-Stars match ended at 11-5, and the players quickly streamed across Polk Street to catch the final, crucial games in the Cafe vs. Cinch contest. The Quackers tally was 8-6 at that point, and they had to sweep the last two games to win the seeding rize. Lauren Ward ran seven missed the eight, and eventual ly survived a strategy session vs. Terry Ward to make it 9-6.

Hugh Fountain took aim at the victory clinching 8-ball but would need two more tries to deliver the 10-6 gut-wrenching win for the Quackers. The No. 2 seeding puts the Hunters into a projected semi-final playoff showdown vs. the Overpassers, a perennial playoff powerhouse.

At the other end of the

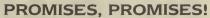
seeding spectrum were four teams who were scrambling to teams who were scrambling to make the 16 team cut with just two slots remaining. When their matches ended they all found themselves tied with identical 114-110 records. It was determined that the Cinchge-spielers held the tie-breaking edge for one spot, making the Cinch home to four playoff teams.

The Barflys had the tie-breaking edge over Francine's, which eliminated the Freestylers. That left the Barflys from Uncle Bert's and Park Bowl, who had never faced each other in regular season play. The two teams would have to play a tie-breaking match with play atterface going from the fry-ing pan into the fire represented by a first round playoff match vs. the Cafe Quackers.

Playoff action continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the championship rounds in mid-June. The tension-packed matches traditionally bring out some inspired play and in-terested spectators should call JOE-POOL for match locations. Hot picks for the final four are the Quackers, Cinch We 1st Met, Hunters and Over-passers but upsets are more the rule than the exception.

Individual Results

One of the first things most (Continued on next page)



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A Champion Already

by Kitty Tsui

Shelley Alexander was born in Great Falls, Montana, 26 years ago and moved to the Bay Area when she was 12. She went to El Cerrito High, where she played softball, well-whall and rea track volleyball and ran track.

Alexander, a sheetmetal worker, will be going to her first Gay Games to compete in both soccer and physique. She got interested in soccer three years ago and has been in love with the sport ever since.

"I was looking for a good team sport," Alexander says.
"Soccer is the most teamoriented sport I've played.
There's no one individual in a
position that makes or breaks the team. In softball there's the star hitter or the star fielder. Soccer depends on the collective. Even if you're not the best player, you have to contribute. no matter where you are on the field."

She adds with a laugh, "I like it because it's a chance to watch other women be really active and run up and down [the field].

Although Alexander is a San Franciscan, the team she will be competing on is a team from Berkeley. "There's a team from San Francisco, but the roster filled up so fast I had to join a team from the East Bay. I love the sport. The camaraderie is really strong."

In soccer there are 11 players actually on the field though 22 can be on a roster. Alexander plays the goalie position be-cause she doesn't consider her-self good with her feet. "As a

(Continued from previous page) players turn to each week is the 155-player individuals' rating list. That enigmatic individual from Francine's Fanatics, Margaret Hults, scored a major coup in going 4-0 on closing night to claim the No. 1 spot with a 26-6 record. She has yet to prove herself in major tournament competition but her strong performance in match play makes her one to watch

Five other women, Lisa Duncan, Jacquie Fournier, Jeny Brizgaloff, Lauren Ward and Torri Connelly all made the top 16 in ranking, the best women's finish in league histo-

Tournament Update

Upcoming league tournaments include the Star Search on June 2 for players rated .500 and under. The Women's W.C.C. Qualifier on June 9 sends the top two finishers to compete in Los Angeles. The All-Star on June 16 for the league's 16 highest. 16, for the league's 16 highest-rated players, sends the top four finishers to Los Angeles.

Some of the best pool players in the world will be competing at the Sands Hotel Casino in Reno next week. The U.S.P.P.A. Pro-Am 9-ball Tournament will culminate June 3 and the Open Professional and new Women's Pro 9-ball Tournament will take place June 6-10. This is the only world-class pool event in world-class pool event in Northern California and many enthusiasts will be flocking to watch their favorite stars.

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goal keeper I get to use my hands," she notes.

Physique First

The physique competition will be Alexander's first opportunity to showcase her body. She's been training on and off for two years. "I wanted to get stronger, and I have a real hard time with being shy, so I thought it might be a good avenue if I committed to it. I've always been athletic, but I've never competed before and thought this would be a good opportunity to pose onstage thought this would be a good opportunity to pose onstage and not let it be that great a deal. It would be okay if I didn't place. I'm working on it for me and to get some confidence for myself."

At the moment Alexander is recovering from a shoulder and elbow injury. She finds the psychological challenge the most difficult to deal with. "People say I'll be fine, I'll get better. But it's hard because I'm not better now. I had to have faith that I'll get back to where I was. Since I can't do shoulders, I'll work on other



Shelley Alexander is participating in both physique and soccer at the Gay Games.

body parts — legs, stomach — till I can get back to doing everything."

Alexander is looking for-Alexander is looking forward to the Games with excitement and exhilaration. "It will be the high point of 1990 for me just to be there. I get butterflies in my stomach each month as it gets closer. Some days I have second thoughts

and think maybe I shouldn't have picked physique, just soc-

At the end of our talk, Alexander touches on an issue which concerns athletes of col-or. "I'd be surprised if I saw more than a handful of women of color, men perhaps, but I don't think there'll be many women. It's hard financially to

do something like this. I managed to raise money for the plane fare, and I applied for hosted housing. That's the only way I could afford to go."

Like many dedicated athletes, Alexander has the arnieres, Alexander has the drive, determination and ambition to go to Gay Games III and be a champion, whether she wins a medal or not.



Torrential Triumphs

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division, Rich Corder (Houston) defeated Timm Roberts (San Diego) 6-4.

Roberts (San Diego) 6-4.

In the men's doubles, in the Open competition, Mike Reyes (Mountain View) and Joe Chandler (San Diego) defeated Kyle Baker (SF) and Gary Fong (San Diego) 6-4. For players 35 years and over, Don Draper (Dallas) and Duane Gabrielson (Kansas City) defeated Chuck Gee (San Francisco) and Armand Alcazar (Oakland) 6-3.



Kyle Baker was the Men's Open winner.

Continuing in the men's doubles, in the B division, Ken Montgomery (Mountain View) and Erik Torres (Mountain View) defeated Jon Vincent (SF) and Russ Gage (SF) 6-2. In the C division, George Teranishi (SF) and David Shacket (Houston) defeated David Williams (SF) and David Dixon (SF) 6-4.

In the Men's consolation singles: In the Open division, Michael Robinson (SF) defeated Nabil Najjar (LA) 6-3. For players 35 years and over, Paul Macagliotta (Ft. Lauderdale) defeated Chuck Gee (SF) 7-5.

Continuing in the consolation singles, in the B division, Sean Anthony (San Jose) defeated Randy Bennett (SD) 6-2. In the C division, Dub Johnson (SF) defeated Robert Sissenstein (San Jose) 6-3.

Two days of matches had to be crammed into the final day of competition.

Women's Results

Sheralynn Irving (SF) is the 1990 USGO Women's Open Champion. She defeated Clare Potter (SF) 6-1.

In the Women's 35 years and over, Lucy Lim (Redwood City) defeated Randi Glick (SF) 6-2.

In the Women's doubles, Deborah Gordon (SF) and Cheri Halsema (SF) defeated Barbara Gilman (SF) and Randi Glick (SF) 6-1.

In the Women's consolation singles: Ellen Haller (SF) won by default in the Open category. For players 35 years and over, Katie Deamer (Pt. Richmond) defeated Kathi McCulla (Sacramento) 6-1.

Over 180 entrants, 20 committee workers, Tournament Director Chris Walkey, assistants Norm Burgos, Wade Gillam, Kevin Liberg, Rich Ryan, Ken Najour and Warren Neves are all to be congratulated for hanging in there through the most difficult weather we have ever had and completing one of the most successful USGO's in the history of the Gay Tennis Federation. Congratulations to all those people for a job well done.



GTF's Rich Ryan lost 6-1 to Berkeleyite J.W. White.

Practice
Makes Perfect
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BOWLING



Champions once again: Vince Cooper, left, Dave Dobson and Tom Garcia. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Winter Play's Over

by Will Snyder

Japantown Bowl's winter season leagues have finally put the wraps on another season. The last championship teams were crowned on Friday, May 25 when the Designing Women won their second straight title. Ten days before that, the Park Bowl team won the Tuesday Community League crown.

Dave Dobson, Vince Cooper and Tom Garcia were members of the Designing Women, which won back-to-back Friday Community League championships. The trio also celebrated their trophy presentations with a sweeper championship as well.

Regular members and subs for the Park Bowl title team were Don Gambell, Jerry Gershof, Bob Bates, Tim Mulvenon, Randy Peterson and Dan Burley. The Park Bowlers showed true championship form beating the firsthalf champions, the Pin-Up Boys, on the last night of the regular season. Then, on Sweeper Night, Park Bowl won a rolloff from the Pin-Ups to win the title.

For those who still want to compete in the summer leagues at Japantown Bowl, two leagues are still open, but barely. The Sunday Tahoe League, a trip league which will go to Lake Tahoe in the Fall, starts this Sunday. The next Friday Community League starts on June 8.

The Sunday league has a tentative 18-team roster with room for two more. The Friday league currently has a waiting list. But these things are always listed as tentative, so if you want to join a league, call 921-6200.

The enthusiasm for summer leagues is refreshing, considering that many folks drop out for the summer for vacations. If figures hold up, JTown will have 83 summer league teams. That's up from 75 last summer.

A Fond Good-bye

This will be my last Japantown bowling column. I will be moving over to news side at the B.A.R. in a couple of weeks. Thanks go out to all the people who have made so many nice comments on the column and how much the column means to them.

Since we didn't run 200-plus games and 600-plus series in the last column, here's a month's worth for you readers:

Monday Community League, April 30: Tim Kneis (180 average) 211; Dennis Hale (165) 207; Len Broberg (164) 216.

Tuesday Community

League, May 1: Jon Orque (142) 202; Blaine Whitlock (154) 215; Hunter Bauman (184) 222; Peter Czech (158) 218; Tim Mulvenon (192) 204; Randy Peterson (183) 216, 204, 602 series; Tim Kneis (172) 210; Rick O'Brien (186) 209; Don George (183) 201; Ken Gray (183) 215, 216; Stanley Strange (154) 200.

Wednesday Community League, May 2: Nancy Thinnes (168) 204; Jim Shay (165) 222; Rudy Iranon (164) 204; Todd Brooks (184) 231; Peter Czech (157) 230; David Tangredi (197) 206, 226, 632 series; Steven Humphries (152) 204.

Friday Community League, May 4: Terry Gentry (147) 208.

Sunday Reno League, May 6: Ron Smola (177) 221; Kirk Smith (179) 205; Larry Fuller (166) 204.

Monday Community/Gay Games League, May 8: Ray Sasso (149) 204; Charles Daniels (165) 211; Bill Pierson (181) 214; Chuck Adkins(179) 268, 623 series.

Tuesday Community
League, May 9: Jeff Dorsey (157)
202; Tim Kneis (174) 201, 237, 223,
661 series; Don Gambell (191) 205;
Bob Bates (166) 203; Tim
Mulvenon (192) 229, 209, 622 series;
Randy Peterson (184) 232, 217, 208,
657 series; Dan Burley (177) 247;
Bruce Gresham (174) 210; Russell
Palmer (158) 223; Dennis Singleton
(142) 200; Rick O'Brien (186) 232;
Richard Cooper (178) 206; Allen
Neitzke (181) 211; Don George (183)
206; Chuck Adkins (181) 207;
Hunter Bauman (184) 204, 205.

Wednesday Community League, May 9: Paul Cyr (163) 202; David Tangredi (197) 218; Jim Harris (159) 213.

Monday Community/Gay Games League, May 14: Ed Wang (164) 206; Tim Kneis (170) 200

Tuesday Community League, May 15: Don Gambell (190) 210; Robert Martin (141) 244; Roy Paranada (149) 205; John Pulsipher (149) 220; Scott Benesh (144) 226; Bruce Gresham (174) 221; Ron Squires (169) 202; Russell Palmer (159) 207; Hunter Bauman (185) 226; Don George (183) 212, 203; Mike Siezckarek (155) 211; Allen Nietzke (180) 223, 210.

Thursday Community League, May 17: Tom Snyder (156) 205.

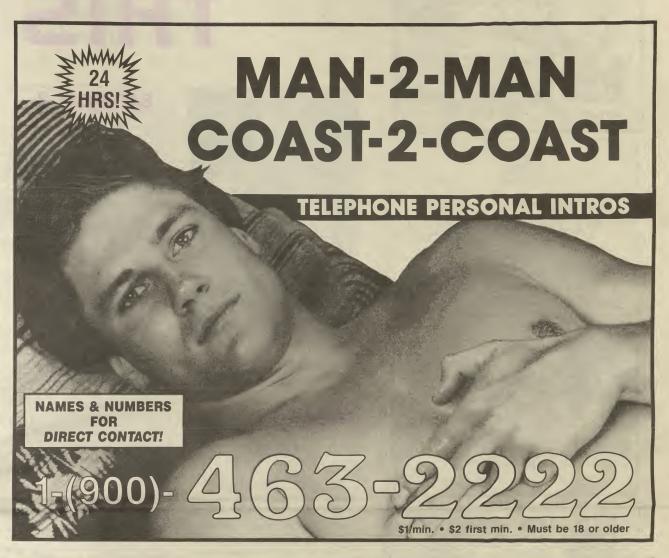
Monday Community/Gay Games League, May 21: Dennis Hale (173) 222; Michael Huang (154) 212; Bill Pierson (158) 246; Greg Hettmansperger (159) 212.

Wednesday Community League, May 23: Doug Litwin (184) 202, 213, 604 series; Donald Choy, Jr. (153) 212; Len Broberg (177) 202; Chuck Boehm (155) 210; Steve Winters (196) 204, 246.

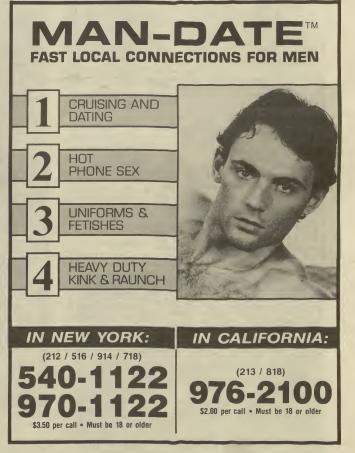
Thursday Community League, May 24: Richard Pearson (145) 203.

Friday Community League, May 25: Pooky Gottschall (159) 214; Tom Garcia (144) 202; Terry Gentry (157) 200.













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FRIDAY 1

- Keith Haring Memorial: Club DV8 hosts a private party in the Keith Haring Room, which features the late artists' only west coast murăl. 8-10 p.m. 55 Natoma, SF. By invitation only, call 777-1419.
- I-Beam: Flipper, Green Jello, White Trash Debutantes. 10 p.m. \$5 adv. 1748 Haight, SF. 668-6023.
 El Riio: Happy hour 5-7 p.m. with DJ Carlos Grant. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. with DJ Cory Iwatsu. No cover. 3158 Mission. 282-3325.
- Sion. 202-3328.

 Screw: Crucial music, alteration space, progressive drinks, videos, bar dancers & confusion. DJs Mike & Lewis. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$1. 496 14th St. & Guerrero, SF.

 The World Famous Turf Club: In Hayward! Live entertainment with the Wild Fire band on Friday and Saturday nights. 22517 Mission, Hayward. 881-9877.
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 **The Stronger: Actors With Attitude in August Strindberg's short play of two turn-of-the-century actresses who battle it out. June 1-16, plays Fri. & Sat. at 7 & 9 p.m. \$5. Studio Prometheus, 1126 Folsom/7th St., SF (above Brainwash Cafe). James, 923-3761.
- California Institute of Integral Studies: "Gaia as Living Goddess—A Pagan Perspective," June 1, 7-9 p.m., June 2 & 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 753-6100.
- Golden State Gay Rodeo Assn.: Executive Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Call 863-4487.
- Congregation Sha'ar Zahav: All people with AIDS & HIV and their loved ones are invited to a Spiritual Gather-ing with other rabbis and congregations. Shabbat din-ner, worship, meditation. Cong. Sherith Israel, 2266 Cal-ifornia/Webster, SF. RSVP to Jean, 567-8860.



Real Women Have Curves: A lively comedy by Josefina Lopez about five full-figured Latina women who work in a tiny L.A. sewing factory where they confront love, lunch and the law with raunchy wit. Thru June 10, plays Thu-Sun. at 8 p.m. 88-10. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission, SF. 695-1410.

SATURDAY 2

- Ye Olde Beer Bust: Benefits the Hot 'n' Hunky/The Mint gay softball team. 2-6 p.m. \$5. The Mint, 1942 Market, SF.
- · Vocalist Weslia Whitfield & The California Sympho ny: "The Great American Popular Song," a program ranging from love songs to showtunes by Rodgers & Hart, Kern, Porter and others. 8 p.m. \$10-25. Rheem Theatre, Moraga. 253-1535.
- Resistance Conspiracy: Video premiere about activists imprisoned for their politics in support of peoples' liberation movements here and abroad. Also special guest poets. Refreshments & childcare. 7 p.m. \$5-10. Dolores Street Baptist Church, Dolores & 15th St., SF. 995-4735.
- I-Beam: High Energy & House music, plus sexy, young studs take it off at 10:30 p.m. & 12 a.m.! \$5, free w/pass. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. 1748 Haight, SF. 668-6023.
- Club Euphoria: New Beat, Rap, '70s with DJs Lewis & Greg. 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$2. Saturday nights at the Crystal Pistol, 842 Valencia/19th St., SF.
- El Rio: Eskimo, A Subtle Plague, Lava Magnets. 10 p.m.- 1 a.m. \$5. 3158 Mission. 282-3325.
- Gays of Our Lives: A concoction of music, video, improv and humor blended into an original drama series about the staff and clientele of a lesbian/gay community center, stars the Out-Cast Players. Episode 2 of 4 tonight at 10:30 p.m. §8. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., SF. 541-5090.
- Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF Rummage Sale: Great stuff: art, clothing, records, books, furniture, exercise equipment, household items, etc. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Church St. Station pkg lot, Church & Market, SF. Donate items (tax-deductible), call 621-5771.
- SF Hiking Club Garage Sale: Busloads of bargains!
 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at 241 Dolores, just two short blocks south of the big Safeway sign on Market & Dolores.
- Soul Ventures: Dating & networking service for HIV+/PWAs presents a clean & sober social mixer. Plen-ty of good food and live entertainment. Join usl 6:30-9:30 pm. \$5 mem, \$8 non-mem. 20 10th St., 2nd floor, \$F. RSVP: 331-2802.

SUNDAY 3

PROMONOGO I

- ElRio: El Grupo Sinigual. 4-8 p.m. \$7. 3158 Mission. 282-3325.
 I-Beam: Sunday T-dance. Male dancers at 8, 9 & 10 p.m. 5 p.m.-2 a.m. \$4, \$3 w/pass. 1748 Haight, SF. 668-6023.
- Club Uranus: DJs Mike & Lewis, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$3, \$2 w/pass. 401 Harrison & 6th St., SF.
 Dreamland: Sundays multi-format gay T-dance. 6 p.m.-3 a.m. Free 'til 9 p.m. w/pass. 520 4th St./Bryant, SF. 552-7911.
- St. 902-7911.

 Alternative Glimpses of the Urban Experience in B&W Film: Featuring Andy Warhol's Eat (37-minutes of Popartist Robert Indiana nibbling a mushrooml), Peter Hutton's New York Portrait: Ch. 3, and Jim Campbell's Letter to a Suicide. 5 p.m. Free. SF Cinematheque, SF Art Institute, 800 Chestnut, SF. 558-8129.
- Bay Area Concerto Ensemble: Vocalist competition at 1:30 p.m. Auditions open to public, nominal donation. Also, pianist Seth Montfort in an all-Chopin recital at 5 p.m. \$5-7. SF Dance Theatre, 60 Brady/Gough & Market, SF.
- Gay Fathers: June potluck supper meeting in Berkeley with movie, *Not All Parents Are Straight*. Teen kids & newcomers welcome. 285-3914.
- a newcomers welcome. 285-3914.

 G40 Plus Club: "Romeo's European Odyssey" at 2:30 p.m. Also, Romeo's raffle so bring your gift! First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin/Gough, SF. 552-1997.

 Golden State Gay Rodeo Assn: Volunteer training for safety, contingent monitors, radio, health monitors for 1990 Parade at 1 p.m. General membership meeting at 2:30 p.m. The Corral, Church & Market, SF. Hotline: 863-4487.
- Feminist Imaging Religious Equality: Celebrating Pentecost on June 3. Call 386-2821.
- Bethany United Methodist Church: A reconciling congregation embracing the gay/lesbian community. Service at 11 a.m. (church school & childcare provided). 1268 Sanchez/Clipper, SF. 647-8393.
- Hosanna Church of Praise: Evangelical ministry to the gay/lesbian community presents black lesbian evangelist Phyllis Mann (June 3-6). 10:30 a.m. First Methodist Church, Fireside Room, 24 N. 5th St./Santa Clara, San Jose. (408) 293-2437.

MONDAY 4

- SF Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Historical Society: Panelists Ed Wier, Konstantin Berlant, Eileen Hansen and Arthur Evans discuss the History of Civil Disobedience by Bay Area Lesbians & Gays. 7:30 p.m. \$2 mem., \$5 non-mem. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 626-0980.
- Duplicate Bridge Game: Quicktricks Bridge Club open game. 7 p.m. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF, 285-5155.

WEEK



FILM

National Educational Film & Video Festival: Presenting 1989 Academy Award Nominations. 4:30 pm.: Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt. 12:30 pm.: The Cat Came Back: Fine Food, Fine Pastries, Open 6 to 9, The Johnstown Flood. 1:30 p.m.: Super Chief: The Life and Legacy of Earl Warren. 3:30 p.m.: Adam Clayton Powell. June 2 at the Exploratorium, 3601 Lyon, SE. 563-0348.

COMMUNITY EVENT BENEFIT

Together with Strong Voices and Strong Bodies: A Castro stroll beer bust by the Arcadia Bodybuilding Society and Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF. Great singers, flashy outfits, muscular bodies, beverages spells F-U-NI June 1, 7-9 p.m. \$5. Receive your ID wristband and bars/performances schedule at 18th & Castro, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

THEATRE

**Brava! for Women in the Arts Two One-Woman Shows: **Alligator Tales and Other Delicacies by Anne Galjour, four original stories set in Southern Louisiana Bayou country. June 7-17, plays Thu.-Sun. at 8 p.m. Gone Bad by naughty ex-Catholic gril Diviana Ingravallo, monologues exploring lesbian eroticism, drugs and the sex industry. June 7-23, plays Thu.-Sat. at 10:30 p.m. \$10-12. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St., SF. 626-9196.

ART

Recent Photographs by David McDermott and Peter
McGough: An exhibition of photographs illustrating
'les Recreations Scientifiques, 1884," or French 19thcentury palor experiments, made with a large, 19thcentury view camera and printed in the painstaking
palladium process. Thru July 7. Fraenkel Gallery, 55
Grant, SF. 981-2661.



DANCE

• Joe Goode Performance Group: Premiere of Remembering the Pool at the Best Western. While floating in a motel pool, Goode had a revelation about society and living in a culture bereft of any deep sense of inherited values from the past and possibilities for a way out. June 1 & 2 at 8 pm. \$16. Zellerbach Playhouse. UC Berkeley campus. 642-9988.

TUESDAY 5

- Literary Reading: Author Celeste West (Lesbian Love Advisor: The Sweet and Savory Arts of Lesbian Court-ship) reads/advises from her wise and merry handbook. 8 p.m. Donation or a lesbi-zen koan. Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford, SF. 863-2507.
- Turf Club: Dance lessons, 7-10 p.m. 22517 Mission, Hayward. 881-9877.
- Duplicate Bridge Game: Limited to newer players. 7 p.m. Quicktricks Bridge Club. MCC Church, 150 Eureka, SF. 285-5155.

WEDNESDAY 6

- Female Trouble: Wednesdays, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$2-3. 1821 Haight, SF.
- El Rio: Comics Karen Ripley, Kevin Katioca, Andrea Levin, Drew Marks. \$5. 9-11 p.m. 3158 Mission. Levin, Dre 282-3325.
- I-Beam: Helios Creed, Happy World, Roy Freesinger & Son. 10 p.m. Free. 1748 Haight, SF. 668-6023.
- & Son. 10 p.m. Free. 1/48 Haight, Sr. 668-6023.
 Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid: A new musical about five men who celebrate their sexuality while waiting for their HIV test results. Thru June 23, plays Wed.-Sun. at 8 p.m. and Sun. matineses at 9 p.m. 88-15.
 Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., SF. 861-5079.
- Older Writers Workshop: For lesbians & gay men age 50+. 6-8 p.m. 1853 Market, SF. GLOE: 626-7000.
- "Discovery" Men's Group: Led by George Birmisa for men age 50+. Topic: Family Ties Past & Present. 2:15 p.m. 333 Turk, 2nd floor, SF. GLOE: 626-7000.
- Friendly Visitor Training Session: For volunteers on self care led by Rev. Mary Atwood & Emily McFarland. 6:30-8:30 p.m. GLOE: 626-7000.
- ACT UP/East Bay: Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at a new, permanent space at First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 14th & Castro (3 blks west of Broadway), Oakland. 420-8864.
- Castro Lions Club: Team SF Publicity Chair Allan Balderson on the up-coming Gay Games in Vancouver. 6:30 p.m. Optional dinner \$10. Cafe du Nord, 2170 Mar-ket, SF. Bill, 346-9821.
- Nee, Jr. Lin, 304-3021.
 Bondage Buddies: A group for gay men. Topic: Don Minnerly & Ben on safe, consensual rope bondage using techniques from sailing. Don also shows his specially constructed bondage furniture. 8-10 p.m. \$7 w/photo ID. 1229 Folsom, SF. Call 621-6294.



Charles Pierce Back by Popular Demand: Celebrity impersonator of the celluloid grand dames Charles Pierce is back for a limited engagement in San Francisco beginning June 5, playing Tue-Sun. at 8 p.m. \$20 plus two drink minimum. Plush Room, 940 Sutter, SF. Reservations: 885-2800.

THURSDAY 7

- Leather Dance for Women: Hot, enticing and exciting! Guest stripper! 9 p.m. \$4. Amelia's, 647 Valencia, SF. 552-7788.
- Chaos: Music, videos, lust! DJs Mike & Lewis spin Industrial, New Beat, Rap. Thursdays, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. \$1. Crystal Pistol, 842 Valencia/19th St., SF.
 El Rio: Cocktail Party! Comedian Ngaio Bealum, exotic dancer Justin, female impersonator Cockatella & DJ Peggy Key. Free. 3158 Mission, SF. 282-3325.





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What Do We Need?

In other words, what is the specificity of being gay — is there special information we need that other texts can't

I've always thought that Spartacus comes closest to answering that question, with its international listing of afterhours parks and alleys, and its sublime contribution to gay vocabulary: the phrase "At Your Own Risk.

London Scene is as cap-London Scene is as cap-tivated by posh restaurants, good art galleries and first-rate theaters as it is by gay bars and clubs. It's very little different from any other hand-cranked low-grade guide for the self-styled culture tourist styled culture tourist.

There are a couple of pages on the pleasures of cruising, but they fall shy of naming any-where apart from Hampstead

To the demi-directory's credit, there is also a rich chapter on walking tours of gay historic monuments, but you would be better off buying GMP's much more substantial Pink Plaque Guide to London, from which this is adapted.

When it comes to clubs and pubs, there's another let-down. London Scene was published in 1987. Clubs change faster than the guards at Buck Palace and, aside from Stonehengestyle standbys like Heaven, most are one-nighters.

It's doubtless mean to load all these criticisms onto the slim shoulders of this guiltily lightweight publication, but it's also mean to export some-thing so out-of-date to the American market.

Mark's Guide to London

In the spirit of fair-mindedness, however, here are a few notes for the new-in-

For the essence of disco, try Bang at Busby's on Monday; same music as I-Beam, thrice the space, and many times the numbers. For a retro approximation of Chaos or Club
Uranus (without the drag,
which won't get you very far in
London), hit the Bell any night of the week. And for some-thing uniquely Anglo, heave your doc martins to the Daisy Chain at the Fridge on Thursdays.

Visit Madame Jo-Jo's for pricey but precious cabaret, and any neighborhood gay bar on weekends for standard lip synch drag. Try and catch Regina Fong at the Black Cap or Paradise; she's an indescrib-



Famous stop: St. Paul's Cathedral on the River Thames

able and culturally untranslatable sleaze queen who scratch-and-samples sound bites from antique TV ads.

But the best advice is to prep with a copy of London listings magazine *Time Out* (available at Castro Kiosk, 548 Castro); there's a comprehensive gay section on current clubs and

When you arrive, acquire Kennedy's quarterly Gay Guide to London from any

newsstand, and head for Soho's First Out, where you Soho's First Out, where you can also pick up the free weekly Capital Gay and glimpse a good cross-section of out gay London. First Out, in fact, is one of the city's few all-day hang-outs. It's a cross between Cafe Flore and EastEnders' idea of a vunnie tearcom. idea of a yuppie tearoom. (Remember, a cottage is a pub-lic convenience and a tearoom is where you scoff scones and sip Earl Grey.)

Besides teasing all gay culture together in a feeble fic-tion of homo harmony, London Scene is guilty of some major inelegancies. "London — the name lacks the glamour of Paris, the frenetic energy of New York, the relaxed eroticism of Amsterdam, the hard glitter of Berlin."

True, London's name does lack the glamor of Paris. If it's the name that's merely at fault, let's change it. How about Paris, England?

(This apology for the city's unchicness is repeated, and more sensibly expressed, ten pages later: "London may lack the buzz of New York and the glamour of Paris..." I wondered if London Scene had been screened by a Chronicle subscreened by a Chronicle sub-

Finally, there is one essential thing that's omitted altogether (and this is as good a tip as being told to bring sweaters to San Francisco). Clubs and pubs are all hotter, smokier and more crowded than you ever imagined.

Of course, to most visitors London must seem like an extraordinary homosexual theme park.

Combined with last summer's temperatures which hit 85-90 (and this summer looking set to do the same), it's not glamor that London lacks, it's air-conditioning.

Opera

for Broadway musicals (starting with The Most Happy Fella, West Side Story and heading on toward Carnival! and 110 in the Shade) to develop a greater sense of through-scoring with musical leitmotifs and operatic overtones. However, because it is a flawed work, revivals of Fanny are all too rare.

New Jersey's Paper Mill Playhouse recently staged Fanny is a beautiful production designed by Michael Anania which was directed with exceptional grace by Robert Johanson. With Jose Ferrer as Cesar and George S. Irving as Panisse, the cast was headed by two veterans of the stage who knew how to handle stage who knew how to handle the geriatric quirks of their characters. Although Teri Bibb was an elegant Fanny, John Leone's handsome Marius lacked vocal and dramatic strength. Karen Shallo offered an overly broad characteriza-tion of Fanny's mother, Honorine. Her overacting was nevertheless quite restrained nevertheless quite restrained when compared to Paul Kandel's Admiral, an eccentric drifter who fills the heads of young boys like Marius and Cesario with dreams of the sea.

In an age which celebrate's Andrew Lloyd Webber's pathetic vapidity, a genuine tear-jerker like Fanny becomes a very curious piece of entertainment. With its circus acts designed to celebrate Cesario's tenth birthday, Fanny certainly pleased the Paper Mill Playhouse's audience. As far as I'm concerned, the per-formance was well worth a trip to suburban New Jersey.

Selections Sought for Latino Anthology

Michael Nava, author of the Michael Nava, author of the recently released novel *How Town*, is seeking submissions from lesbians and gays for a new Latino short story anthology to be published by Alyson Press. Nava previously edited *Finale*, a collection of gay mysteries for Alyson.

Inquiries and submissions, accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope, should be sent by September 1 to Michael Nava, 7985 Santa Monica #109365, West Hollywood, CA 90046.

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Park Bowl	114	110		
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Special Effects	120	104
San Marcos Man'vers	118	106
L'Equipe Detour	115	109
Bear Et Al	97	127
Emperor's Knights	95	129
Pilsner Shill	94	130

DIVISION FOUR				
	W	L		
San Marcos Quackers	151	73		
Cinch We 1st Met	132	92		
Overpass Toddlers	124	100		
Detour Destroyers	119	105		
Isn't That Special	106	118		
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Phone Booth Lineman	85	139		

Sports Calendar

SF Slammers Women's basketball practice Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood. Susan, 824-4697.

Men's Basketball
Practice on Sundays, 6-8 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Rec.
Center, 100 Collingwood. Tony, 621-2710.
Tavern Guild Bowling League
For info call Mal, 752-2366.
SF Women's Business Bowling League
Sundays at 6 p.m. at Park Bowl, 1855 Haight. Ann, 337-6721.
Rock Climbers
For info call Chris. 12091 2944-527.

II Chris. (209) 294-1527

Golden Gate Wrestling Club
Tuesday & Friday practices, 7-9 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Rec.
Center, 100 Collingwood. All skill levels welcome. Gene,
821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club

All wrestling forms and styles, all ages and weights welcome.

Call 538-8490 or 821-9721.

Bay Area Boxing Club Saturday bi-weekly workouts. Greg, 255-7361, or Ty, 346-5691.

SF Women's Flag Football
Sunday, June 3: League games at the Polo Field, Golden Gate
Park at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Michelle, 563-4722.

Men's football practice on Sunday, June 3, at McAteer High School. Bernard, 824-7048.

Volleyball Club

Sundays, 8 p.m., at the Eureka Valley Rec. Center, 100 Collingwood. All skill levels welcome. Mike, 626-4743.

Gay Volleyball
Sundays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., in the school yard at 18th St. &
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plaining that the exhibit amounted to "blasphemy." The mail came from people who had never seen Wojnarowicz's

In an interview with Newsday last week, David Cole, a staff attorney for the Center for Constitutional Rights, was quoted as saying, "It's as if quoted as saying, "It's as if someone went through Joyce's novels or Shakespeare's plays and took out all the sexual imagery, and then represented that alone as Shakespeare's work or Joyce's novels.

Jesse Helms recently used similar methods to represent deceased photographer Robert Mapplethorpe as a "pornographer" whose "pornographer" whose retrospective exhibits received support from the NEA. The Mapplethorpe estate, as well as several other artists, and more than one arts institution have been aware of the opportunity to respond legally to these maneuvers, using copyright and other laws. All have declined.

Legal Challenge

David Wojnarowicz has responded, seeking at least one million dollars on each of five legal claims. He talked about this suit in a recent in-

"The action that is being brought is to stop that [the mailing] immediately. We're hoping that the courts will grant an injunction to impound any copies [of the AFA broad-cidel writh after the trial is over any copies for the Arian is over.

If the judge sees the severity of this, hopefully Wildmon will also be ordered to print ads in newspapers detailing what they've done.

"The people who are charg-ing that my work is 'blas-phemy' — if they bothered to talk to me or look at the work without the effect of this mailing, they may have been able to see that the images I'm dealing with are not banal pornogra-

"I wouldn't care if the man [Wildmon] had criticized my work, had he published the full

images. Obviously, I think that his readings of my work and his descriptions of my work are absolutely false, and ab-solutely contrary to what the work actually is. But he has the work actually is. But he has the right to criticize my work and interpret it in whatever way he wants. Although I strongly disagree with his interpretations, that wouldn't have been tions, that wouldn't have been a problem had he used the full images. What he essentially did was create whole new works that I couldn't even consider to be my own, given the radical surgery that they went through through.

"I feel strongly that this shows a malice he worked with in creating this mailing. The works I had made, which he cut apart, are fully protected even under the guidelines of the NEA as it stands with the Helms Amendstands with the Helms Amendment. The work has a great deal of value in several areas. My work is not obscene, it's not pornography.

"It's interesting that, in his [Wildmon's and the AFA's] rush to put together this mailing, he ended up mistaking a video image of two guys merely dancing together as a sexual image.

'I think that the action that he [Wildmon] took is very dan-gerous and damaging to me. I have no doubts about it. That's what will be explored in court."

Lisa

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of more than 3.6 million. The audience didn't wait for an invitation to sing-a-long. They chimed each and every word, inflection and chorus in such a roar that at times it was hard to hear Stansfield's voice.

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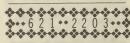
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Boston's Mark Ryan Wins Int'l Mr. Leather '90 Title

he city of Boston nearly swept the top three spots at the International Mr. Leather Contest at Chicago's Vic Theatre last Sunday night,

Almost half the age of last year's winner, Guy Baldwin, a 23-year-old leather man by the name of Mark Ryan prevailed over 47 other contestants that included a representative from Germany, one from Rome, Italy and several Canadians.

Ryan was sponsored by the Riders Motorcycle Club of Boston. The first runner-up, also from Boston, was Barone, who made a big splash here last September as one of the runners-up in the Mr. Drumrunners-up in the Mr. Drummer competition. Completing an East Coast sweep was another 23-year-old leatherman, Richard Armstrong of Toronto, sponsored by Mr. Leatherman Toronto, Inc. Barone was sponsored by the Ramrod Bar in Boston.

Lest you think the West Coast is losing its grip in this particular competition, be ad-vised that all three of San Francisco's entries (Brad



International Mr. Leather 1990 Mark Ryan and the Richard Hennigh Living Memorial Trophy created by San Francisco's Patrick Toner. (Photo: Marcus)



Guy Baldwin places the first runner-up medallion on Barone of Boston at IML in Chicago. (Photo: Marcus)

nity requires more than a pretty face, a pretty body and an extensive leather wardrobe. In the end, the 2,000-some leather men and women on hand for the event seemed satisfied with the winner. Within hours of winning over \$3,000 in prizes, Mr. Ryan was in consultation with his predecessor, Guy Baldwin, getting a cram course on how to deal with his new-found stardom.

The Windy City was overrun with gay men and women. With some 2,500 leather men and women in town for IML, there were several hundred there for the Windy City Soft-ball Tournament and the 7th Annual Gay Volleyball Tournament. The gay community of Chicago was literally overrun with visitors from all over the

Cavalier, Joe Hollinger and Mr. SF Leather Ray Tilton) were among the 21 semi-finalists.

among the 21 semi-finalists. Judges Barry Douglas, Tony DeBlase, Al Santora, Don (Etienne) Orejudos, Chuck Rodocker, Guy Baldwin and myself spent six hours in the pre-judging session. We were faced with a group of 48 men who are activists and fundraisers in their own communities. ers in their own communities and for the most part, were able to express their views on a myriad of questions put to them. I'm telling you, it wasn't

The question was not *who* out of the 21 semi-finalists could do the job; the question was who could do the job *best*? Over three quarters of them had the physique and the leathers and were able to express themselves cogently and with valid and acceptable reasoning. Becoming a spokes man for the leather commu-



The second runner-up Richard Armstrong of Toronto at pre-

world, and the bars, restaurants and other gay venues were jam-packed at every turn.

IML was superb this year. A myriad of parties prevailed in every nook and cranny of the host hotel, the Executive House. The Natl. Leather Association, the Centaur MC of Washington, DC and Mercury Mail Order/Mister S (judged the best of all) and other groups opened the doors of their suites for a non-stop agenda of cocktails, food and other activities. IML provided space for vendors of leather and other paraphernalia throughout the weekend.

The Saturday night party for all the package holders, the press, the contestants, the sponsors and other VIPs was jammed. The contestants drew their numbers there and former IML winners David Kloss, Colt Thomas, Ron Moore and Tom Karasch were on hand. Ms. NLA Jan Lyon, IMsL Gabrielle, and Ms. SF Leather Corky Davis were there with the first IMsL Judy Tallwing McCarthy. Mr. Drummer Brian Dawson attended and all were afforded time at the mike at one time or another during the weekend.

The entertainment was top notch. The Wiseguys emceed with verve, talent and humorous patter. Thank God they didn't dish the contestants! A very clever magician and country western singer (accompanied by the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus) had the audience stomping and Linda Clifford supplied the disco beat that had leather-clad sweaty bodies writhing in the aisles.

There were just as many beautiful men and bodies in the audience as there were onstage. Eric Rofes was strutting around with a bronze tag that stated, "Obey Me," but I don't know if he got any takers. There was also a very large contingent of stunning leather types from Germany being ogled all weekend. Gary Chichester and R.J. Chaffin deserve most of the credit for a near-perfect weekend production. Of course, all of Chicago went out of their way to be wonderful, including my favorite bartender, Butch Toland, who spreads his charm at both the AA Meat Packing Co. and the North End bars. Gay Chicago Magazine ace photographer, Spike King, was equally a super host.

Chicago's Touche Bar, new-

The IML Semi-Finalists

There were 21 semi-finalists* out of a total of 48 contestants at the International Mr. Leather Contest in Chicago over the Memorial Day Weekend. In no particular order, they were:

Christian Dreesen (Berlin); Barone (Boston); Jeff Snyder (New Orleans); Sam Catalano (Long Beach, CA); Ray Tilton (San Francisco); Bill Rodriguez (Honolulu); Chuck Higgins (Little Rock); Dino Rosise (Phoenix); Mark Cady (Minneapolis); Joe Hollinger (San Francisco); Bryan Anderson (Vancouver); Axel Del Rosario (Philadelphia); Rick Matson (Boston); Spike Lewis (Washington,D.C.); Chris Welch, (Alexandria, VA); Mark Ryan (Boston); Bradley Cavalier (San Francisco); Alan J. Potter (Denver); Richard Armstrong (Toronto); Victor Vermeulen (Detroit); Joseph Lo Presti (Chicago).

(*) Due to a tie in the pre-judging, there were 21 semi-finalists instead of the established tradition of only 20.



Mr. Deutschland Drummer Christian Dreesen with Ms. SF Leather Corky Davis. (Photo: Marcus)

ly relocated, was jammed all weekend. Owner Chuck Rodocker, being a judge, left his bar in the capable hands of his friendly staff and it ran like clockwork

ne of the highlights of the weekend was a midnight cruise on the Chicago River on a genuine Chicago Fire Department boat. It was chilly on the deck but the warmth inside was more than compensation. Audrey Joseph and Charlene weren't overly impressed with

the women's bars in Chicago, but they fell into the party spirit and had a ball.

In the first presentation of the second decade of IML, the weekend is a class act: shuttle buses were provided; laminated photo ID tags for contestants, staff, judges and the press; dedicated volunteers and staff, all helpful for those with problems.

The delegates shared the Executive House with guests at a huge Pakistani wedding and a black youth/parent con-

vention. The other contingents stared in awe at a million dollars worth of leather on parade. Some were dressed in low-cow (sleazy) and high-moo (elegantly tailored) leathers, some in uniforms, some in punk leather, tattoos, bare buns, piercings, bare chests and some outfits that left little to the imagination. Too many names to list here, but suffice it to say that IML is a spectacle every leather man and woman should attend.

Now that all the wrinkles have been ironed out, IML is,

without a doubt, a pilgrimage that should be made by everyone. Thank you, Chicago. Beautiful people in a beautiful city. Leather pride can have no better stage than that provided by the city of Chicago. See you there next May?

Rain, much needed as it is, did little to dampen the spirit of the beautiful people in our town. Last Thursday, the 3rd Annual Polka Dot Prom Party was held at the Stud. It was a

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IML '90 Mark Ryan during the jock competition.

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packed house for a very unique and fun event. The costumes were dazzling and again the Stud's decorations were a sight to behold.

A few blocks away a hearty crowd gathered to give the IML delegates a bubbly send-off. Lots of our guys travelled to Los Angeles for the Oedipus MC Grecian Games weekend run and another big crowd went to the Cheaters' State Fair weekend run. The Pigs in Paradise managed to get a good crowd for their beer bust at the Eagle on Sunday and by Monday, the rain clouds disappeared to give the Rodeo gang A few blocks away a hearty peared to give the Rodeo gang a good crowd.

What's coming your way this reekend? Read on:

Thursday, May 31: Looking for Mr. September 1991 on the Bare Chest calendar at the Eagle tonight at 2200 hours. Win \$100 cash and a spot on the calendar that will be sold to benefit the AIDS Emergen-



IMsL Gabrielle Antolovich with her new counterpart, Int'l Mr. Leather Mark Ryan, received a thunderous ovation last Sun-day from the 2,000 in the audience. (Photo: Marcus)

promise 1300 other motor-cycles (give or take) and if you have questions, call the road captain Dale at 285-1965.

Wednesday, June 6: Bondage Buddies from 2000-2200 for \$7 plus a photo I.D. (?) with

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Idol Gossip

How many 35th birthday parties can one guy have? To-night, Thursday, May 31, Jim Beard is having his annual 35th Birthday Party at Uncle Bert's bar from 2000-2400. If you saw the last two editions of Men Rabind Rars, you may recall Behind Bars, you may recall Jim as being the only black member of the Ballet de Ukiah with a blond wig. Jim's a good sport and always a fun guy — even with more than one 35th birthday party.

Hey, the SFGDIs are coming out of the closet (group "outing) and having an old-fashioned open club meeting and brunch on Sunday, June 10 at Chez (Continued on page 60)



Chicago's Joseph Lo Presti proved to be a favorite with the other contestants and the crowd as well. (Photo: Marcus)

Friday, June1: Second heat in the Mr. Powerhouse Leather Contest at 2200 hours. You must be 21, local resident, own your own leather, not be a win-ner in any other local bar in 1990 and be willing to be a contestant at the Mr. SF Leather testant at the Mr. SF Leather Contest in 1991. Also win \$500 in cash and participate in fund-raising at the Powerhouse for a year. Sign up at least 24 hours before the contest.

esbian/Gay Chorus joins up with Arcadia Bodybuilding Society to stroll through the Castro. Meet at 18th and Castro between 1830-18th and Castro between 1830-2030, pay \$5 and hit several bars with bodybuilders, singers, pomp, flash, cir-cumstance, spandex posing trunks and all the beer or soft drinks. Lots of entertainment in each participating bar in each participating bar.

Saturday, June 2: Tatiana's First Saturday show at Kimo's on Polk. Only \$5 and begins at 2200 with Desiree, Eva Davis, Nickole Dushey (remember Drag Queen Heaven at Men Behind Bars?), Wanda Fox, Kitty Glamour and ... Flame!

Sunday, June 3: Early risers can join the Constan-tines at the Watering Hole for a run to Alice's Restaurant for Kawasaki's big event. They



The current Mr. Drummer Brian Dawson (left) meets the new Mr. Deutschland Drummer Christian Dreesen.

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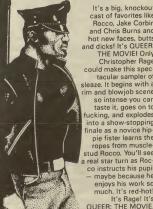
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Mollet at 1100. I guess that means that none of the GDIs will be going to the GG Guards' Yosemite weekend run, doesn't it?

One of the judges at IML asked each contestant what his views were on "outing," the very controversial subject getting much media attention these days. Would you believe that at least four of the contestants either didn't know about it or stated. "The always been it, or stated: "I've always been a supporter or participant in weekend outings in the woods or camping out." These were definitely cases of being 'outed" — right out of the con-





Mr. D.C.-Eagle Chris Welch proved to be a crowd favorite — front and back. (Photo: Marcus

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translated by the U.S. govern-ment to mean "terrorism."

Day notes that Marilyn Buck, in response to the charges against the group, contends that they are resisting "an illegal government engaged in violence on such a grand scale that we could talk about it for years and not even go through all its doing."

Resistance Conspiracy is startling in its revelations about the tactics of a govern-ment which claims to hold no political prisoners (yet has been successful at been successful at "disappearing" many of them), the discrepancy of treatment, sentencing and actual time served between right-wing and left-wing prisoners (for example, a KKK member receiving 24 months vs. a 45-year sentence for the same 45-year sentence for the same charge for one of these defendants). In spite of this, the tape is, ultimately, hopeful about political and social change.

But there is extreme But there is extreme urgency in the voices of these prisoners, for the outcome of this trial will determine the future of activism in this country, which in turn shall affect the willingness of those involved to put themselves on the line for their political. the line for their political work, no matter what it is, be it for Central America, with ACT UP, or against Operation

Rudman says that if the gov ernment's case succeeds, it will be a way for it "to determine what is or is not acceptable protest" and will allow the gov-ernment to "quash dissent" of any kind as it sees fit.

It Can Happen Here

Resistance Conspiracy reminded me of several films I had seen in the early 1970s had seen in the early 1970s about political prisoners in Northern Ireland — for many years that had been the focus of my political interest. We are so easily lulled into a "it can't happen here" mentality that we forget what is happening here.

And it is our mass media Rudman says, that describes the appropriate "boundaries of discussion, the terms, or the rules that must be played by." With a "corner on the market of discourse," it forces those outside the mainstream to use

its own language and refer to the propaganda it generates.

Whether one is opposed to the government's facilitation in the government's facilitation in the devastation of the black and Latino communities by what Susan Rosenberg calls the "chemical warfare" of the "drug plague," its foreign policies, or its murder of thousands of Americans through its apathy about AIDS, one cannot remained unmoved after seeing this documentary.

Rudman, an independent producer, director and editor whose previous works include

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an award-winning documen-tary on the Black Panther party leader Geronimo Pratt, party leader Geronimo Pratt, has received screenings throughout the U.S. and internationally. Her other works have been showcased at ATA (Artists Television Access), and screened at the American Film Institute and the Women in the Director's Chair Festival Chair Festival.

There is a large network of people working for the defendants and events similar to this Saturday's event will be held in other cities throughout heid in other cities throughout the month of June. Sponsors, in addition to the Bay Area Com-mittee to Support the Resis-tance Conspiracy Defendants, include Women Against Imperialism, Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, Out of Control Committee to Support Control Committee to Support Political Prisoners and Freedom Now! "Resistance Conspiracy: An Evening of Video, Poetry and Resistance," takes place June 2, 7 p.m. at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores (at 15th St.). Admission is \$5 - \$10, sliding scale. Refreshments and child care provided. For information, phone 995-4735.



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phonies. Where Blomstedt opted for strict rhythmic discipline in the Fifth, Garrick Ohlsson forced him to cut loose in the dazzling Reger Concerto. The difference was conclusive; the wonder is that Blomstedt didn't follow through when left without a bold soloist.

Critical reception of the Reger was polite, but somewhat uncomprehending. Did the maestro really let that colthe maestro really let that cor-or his thinking? The composer always knew his Concerto would take some getting used to; Rudolf Serkin was fond of it and wanted to record it with it and wanted to record it with Blomstedt. His illness seems to have put an end to that project, at least for now, but Garrick Ohlsson brought powerful ad-vocacy and illumination— enough to justify the perform-ance and vindicate the score.

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He didn't play safe and the results were thrilling. Let's hope Blomstedt lets down his hair next season and gives us personal insight as well as or-chestral tuning.

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